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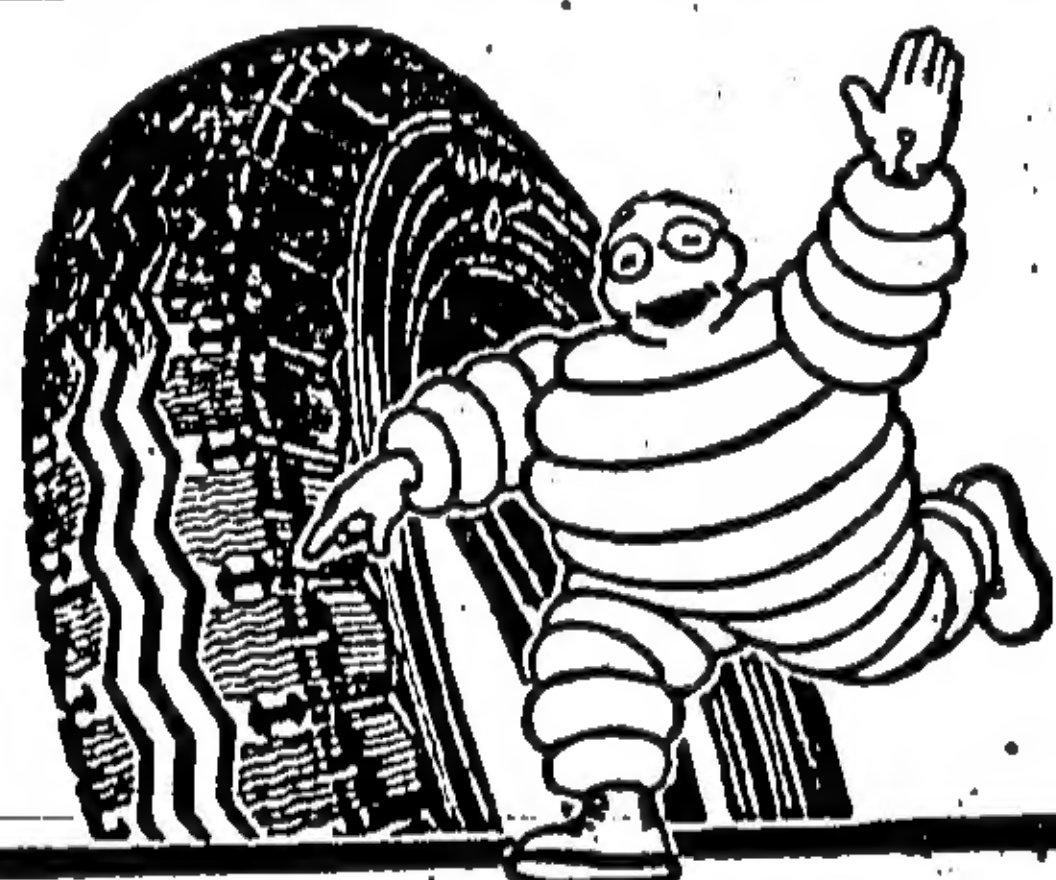
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MR. M. K. LO

Delay In Approval Of
Housing Schemes

The Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo congratulated the Financial Secretary on his "clear and masterly handling and exposition of the Colony's finances," and said the sound and conservative way in which the Budget had been framed would receive whole-hearted support.

Mr. Lo referred to two well-known innovations—the final review of the estimates for the Unofficials before the Budget was introduced, and the Governor's review.

The public were "greatly disappointed" with the "intolerable delay" in connection with applications for approval of housing schemes. For months on end no reply could be obtained from Government.

The delay was resented and Government should take steps to remove its cause.

Referring to education, Mr. Lo said the question of new schools was grave and pressing. The Education Board had discussed the question of accommodating more scholars in each of the primary schools for the poor, and he had every hope that the result would not be unfruitful.

Mr. Lo put forward a suggestion for the urgent treatment of acute and infective cases of tuberculosis.

He suggested that small bungalows be erected in certain places within reach of Hong Kong by air to which clinics for local patients could be sent to effect a permanent cure.

Cost Of Civil Service
The speaker assured Government of the Unofficials' support in strengthening relations with China.

Mr. Lo criticised the Personal Emoluments of the Civil Service. The total bill for the current year, he said, was \$73 million; in 1936/37, it was just over \$4 million.

Until the public were satisfied that all proper retrenchment in pay had been effected, any suggestion of increased taxation could not be expected to evoke any ready response.

Mr. Lo referred to the "unsatisfactory and depressing" statements of the Financial Secretary regarding the outstanding alleged liability of the Colony in respect of the amount expended in London on the "Volunteers' repatriation passages, relief payments etc."

As soon as the Unofficials' members heard about this matter, they made it plain to Government, and I now repeat categorically, that we would not agree to regard as a liability of the Colony war expenditure sanctioned by the Imperial Government in relation to the Colony as a unit of the Empire.

It is intolerable that on account of a liability which we repudiate the Colony remains subject to Treasury control.

Treasury control meant that if the Colony could not expect a dollar without the Treasury's prior approval. It was imposed because when Civil Government resumed it had no funds of its own and had to rely on advances from the Treasury.

Why No Funds?
The answer is that Hong Kong, as a unit of the British Empire, was captured and overrun by ruthless enemy that all local Government credit balances were confiscated by the enemy, that all its accumulated resources in London were spent on its behalf when Hong Kong itself was in the throes of enemy occupation, and that Hong Kong's recovery cost before during and after the War.

After the European War had broken out, Hong Kong proceeded to pass a special War Budget to meet "war" expenditure which, in these pre-war days, was colossal in amount. Further, the Colony, as its contribution to H.M. Government towards the prosecution of the War, donated the sum of 5 million dollars towards the construction and equipment of two harbour defence vessels, and two ferry tenders, and a cash gift of \$100,000. When the Pacific War came, Hong Kong had fought the enemy with great gallantry and valour, and many of them made the supreme sacrifice.

After the War, the Colony concentrated its effort on rehabilitation.

We had every right to expect that Britain would not wish to continue a policy which we resented because of its implications, and to which we objected because of its delays and frustrations.

Because of this control many questions were still being held up, among them the question of payments to Civil Servants who were not interested.

The views of the Unofficials on this and other matters had been placed in unmistakable terms before Lord Listowel.

War Memorial Fund
Mr. Lo regretted the cessation of Government support for the War Memorial fund, and hoped the question would be reviewed towards the end of the financial year.

The speaker urged Government to come to a decision on the security of tenure of playing fields. He asked for an assurance that the Government did not intend to resume the South China ground as a playing field, and warned that the public would not accept this.

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DR. S. N. CHAU

Inquiry Sought On
S.T. And I.

The Hon. Dr. S. N. Chau criticised the educational policy of the Government, referring to the annual grant of \$1,500,000 and the special building grant of \$4,000,000 to the University as putting the cart before the horse.

"If a large proportion of this amount could be made immediately available for rehabilitating existing schools and building new ones, it would go a long way towards solving the problem of the 30,000 to 100,000 children who are without any education at all."

He said that the Government should carry out the proposed large-scale rehabilitation to an organisation which, however admirable in its purpose, caters for such a small proportion of the community.

If, as may be argued, the University is essential to the prestige of Britain, and the education of students who neither come from nor intend to work in the Colony, then surely the cost should be borne by the Imperial Government.

"Medical Grievance"
Dr. Chau then dealt exhaustively with the Hong Kong Government's insistence that smallpox and cholera inoculation certificates are only acceptable if signed by the Medical Officer of Health, quoting the British Medical Journal as authority for the fact that the Colonial Office had obtained from Hong Kong an assurance that it was not intended to proceed with this requirement.

"The medical profession," said Dr. Chau, "feels very strongly that it is an insult to their skill to retain this restriction and it has a very deep grievance in this matter."

"If the excuse of Government for such restriction is fear of false certification by certain practitioners, such culprits could be severely dealt with when found, but it is not British justice to penalise a whole profession on account of a few culprits."

The Hon. Member went on to refer to frequent complaints (by sickle-cell carriers, steamer passengers etc.) of harsh treatment at the hands of police, and pointed out that it tended to give the police force a bad name among the community.

In his Budget speech a year ago, Dr. Chau continued, "I deplored the lack of amenities for the community. The present Budget fails to make provisions for them; and while it is understandable that all cannot be afforded in the coming year, there is no reason why we should not make the best possible use of available facilities at the sea-bathing beaches."

It is now a year since Government announced on this important matter, but nothing further appears to have been done.

"The summer is now almost upon us, and we still lack the facilities which should be an amenity as pleasant as it is necessary in our climate. I sincerely hope that this question will be tackled energetically, and that some definite information as to government policy will be forthcoming by June."

The first step would seem to be the re-opening of both the Kennedy Town and North Point bathing beaches. At present the poorer classes cannot afford the luxury of a trip to Repulse Bay, or any other bay, as the cost would be beyond their means.

To my personal knowledge, before the war there was an occasion when the Chinese Athletic Association's Pavilion at North Point in one day alone. This shows the popularity of sea-bathing among the poorer classes, and the essential need for their health and well-being.

Government's objection to re-opening of these beaches is said to be for reason of health, but it is before the war bathing could be permitted there. There is no reason why it should be banned now.

S.T. And I.
"Now, unfortunately and unhappily," Dr. Chau went on, "I feel it my duty to bring to the knowledge of Government the fact that it has become necessary for the Department of Supplies and Industries to receive better supervision and control. While it is not possible to produce tangible evidence of malpractices and misadministration, it is common knowledge that favouritism exists in this Department."

"I shall quote but two cases of blatant favouritism as reported to me. A certain firm was refused a permit to allow quite a small quantity of rubber to Korea, but within two days another concern secured an export permit to ship over twice the amount to the same country. In the case of the rubber, special considerations were shown to some well-favoured firms."

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this commodity. The question here is whether any other private agents were given the chance to compete, and on what terms the agency was given."

Water Costs

On the revenue side of the Estimates, Dr. Chau referred to the \$5,000,000 expected from water consumers as an excessive charge for an absolute necessity, and urged that maintenance could be regarded as a legitimate charge.

The Hon. Member also expressed the view that the policy of Government should be to reduce expenditure rather than increase the already heavy taxation to meet the rising cost of government. "A wise policy would seem to be to permit the Colony to continue its reconstruction efforts without upsetting its equilibrium by undue interference."

MR. D'ALMADA

Playgrounds for Children

Mr. Leo D'Almada e Castro said he was in agreement with Mr. Landale on the subject of land allocation, and with Dr. S. N. Chau's call for an enquiry into charges of favouritism in the S.T. & I.

Tumours had been current during recent months of certain personnel having rendered their own nests and that employment in the S.T. & I. was the most lucrative for ill-gain. These could not be dismissed as "mere rumours."

Mr. D'Almada said he had three targets of his own. They were children's playgrounds for Kowloon, improvement of Kowloon's highways, and retrenchment in Government expenditure.

Strips of land along Chatham Road and Cox's Path were the only playground facilities on the island, and neglect and should be rehabilitated. Playground facilities should be provided by Government for places further inland.

Kowloon roads were in a shocking state of disrepair, and should claim more than temporary maintenance measures by Government.

Regarding Government's retrenchment plan, Mr. D'Almada urged a more careful and stricter scrutiny into tenders and contracts for supplies to Government. He instanced the case of the feeding of the prisoners at Stanley which worked out at \$2.50 a head a day or \$75 a month. He doubted whether any labourer spent even near this sum a month in food outside of prison.

It seems to me that the Tender Board which dealt with and accepted this tender for food for the prisoners, a little earlier to the tenderer," said Mr. D'Almada, who recalled a pre-war scandal in the same connection. He urged that Tender Boards should call for more information and more evidence before coming to a final decision.

The Financial Secretary then moved that Council adjourn to enable the official spokesmen to reply more adequately to the points raised during the debate.

Council then adjourned to 2.30 p.m. on Thursday, and a Select Committee was appointed by the Government, with the Colonial Secretary as Chairman and the Financial Secretary and all the Unofficials as members, to consider the Budget and the Draft Estimates for 1948/49 in detail.

MR. GILLESPIE

Lopping Off The Dead Wood

The Hon. R. D. Gillespie, who expressed the view that salaries revision did not go far enough in the upper brackets and that Heads of Departments are still inadequately paid; endorsed the recommendation that Government should have power to call upon any officer to retire at 45.

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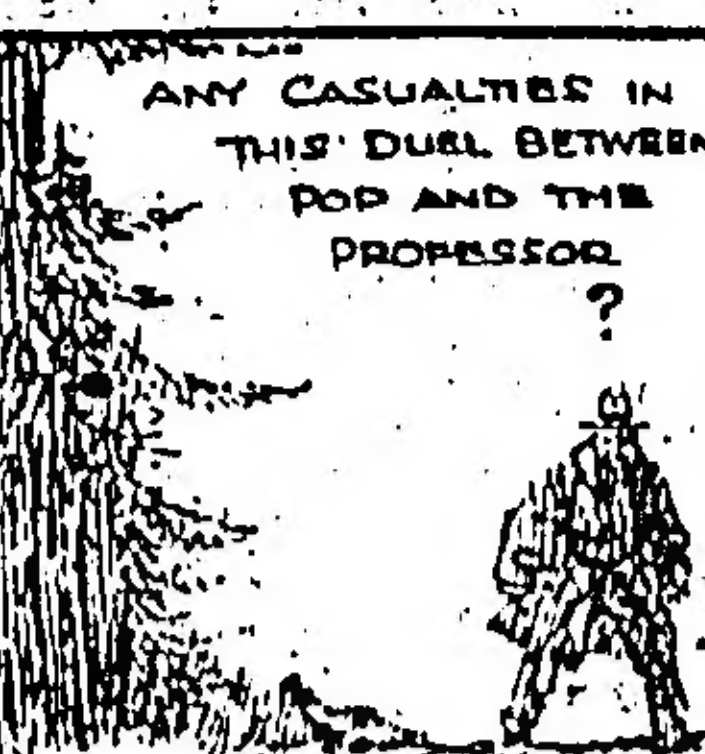
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JET PLANES IN MALAYA

Hundreds of Chinese, Malays and Indians saw their first Vampire jet fighter recently. It was one of the Mark III models now undergoing tests in Singapore to determine how performance is affected by tropical conditions. It was demonstrated at an aerodrome near Singapore by Flight Lieutenant J. W. Wilson of Pulborough, Sussex, and the Royal Air Force Central Fighter Establishment, R.A.F. West Raynham, Norfolk. His display of high-speed aerobatics held the cosmopolitan audience spellbound.

Honourable Member has to prepare his next Budget.

"The Honourable Member stated that it sounded a little odd that he is forecasting that after 1950/51 Special Expenditure would be met from current revenue when only a third of the loan issue has been made. On reading his further remarks the oddity seems to me to remain apparent, unless his suggestion is that rather than pay interest charges it is better to pay out of current revenue."

Knowledge in financial matters but I feel that if it were necessary the interest charges should be increased rather than raise extra revenue for expenditure which we hope will render benefits to the Colony for many years to come."

On income tax, Mr. Watson said that the figures showed that the alternatives to the tax suggested when the bill was debated could not have brought in anything like the sum of revenue to be needed without disturbing the cost of living of the poorer classes.

Land Sales

The inclusion of Land Sales in current revenue had, he pointed out, brought suggestions that there funds should be applied to capital expenditure, but "this seems to be a case where Government has started to ride a tiger and must now hang on."

Commenting on the impending arrival of an efficiency expert, Mr. Watson said he did not envy him his task, adding that he would probably be more effective if he had been sent to the Colonies from London and did not come under the charm of our heads of departments.

"However, I have not met an efficiency expert and maybe my fears are unfounded, but this matter of grave concern to Government is also one upon which the public are equally concerned."

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15-YEAR-OLD A "BAD EGG"

Although only 15 years of age, Wong On is such a "bad egg" that the local Magistrates have given up treating him as a juvenile. On Oct. 9 last, he was sentenced to six months' hard labour and recommended to be banished for his fourth "larceny from the person" offence. He was banished for life on Feb. 3 this year but was arrested on Easter Sunday by PC 912 at Pitt Street near Reclamation Street on suspicion of being a returned banished.

Inquiries revealed that he was a member of the Chun King Triad Society. Reference to the files brought to light that he was an "old friend" of the Police.

When Wong pleaded guilty before Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday to charges of being a member of an unlawful society and a breach of the deportation order, Inspector J. Orem gave the Court a history of defendant's criminal career.

On May 15 last accused had a finding of "guilty" returned against him in the Juvenile Court on the complaint of larceny from the person; he was ordered to receive six strokes of the cane and to be expelled from the Colony.

Thirteen days later he was again in the Juvenile Court for larceny from the person on a breach of the expulsion order. This time he got 12 strokes and was ordered re-expelled.

The same order was made against him in the Juvenile Court on June 19 for breach of expulsion order.

He made his fourth appearance in the Juvenile Court eight days later, for larceny from the person, and was sent to the Reformatory for two years. He escaped from the Reformatory on Sept. 8.

On Oct. 9, Wong made his first appearance in the Police Court, charged with larceny from the person and received six months' hard labour and recommendation that he be banished. He was banished on March 2 this year.

Yesterday, he was sentenced to 15 months' hard labour and recommended to be rebanished.

Supporting the chairman were Messrs. I. W. Sheehan, D. W. Munton, R. A. Jackson and Li Tao Fong.

SUGAR RATION
By way of making up the sugar rations which could not be issued on previous rationing periods owing to delayed shipments, it is announced that the ration for April will be 4 lb. per person of a reduced price of 40 cents a pound.

Reminders
Today
Kowloon Union Church, Annual Meeting, 8.30 p.m.
China Entertainment & Land Investment Co. Ltd., annual general meeting, King's Theatre Bldg., 12 noon.
Children's Dress Parade, sponsored by Baby Shop, Royal Hotel, 8.30 p.m.
YMCA Debating Society & Discussion Group, 8.30 p.m.
Debate: "That if the world of today conscription is a national necessity." Proposer: Major E. A. Ogle, AEC.
Second: Mr. S. K. Hui, J.C. E.
B. Brax-Croagh, MC, RA.
Stage Club presents "Dangerous Corner" at Missions to Seamen, 8.30 p.m.
Games morning (Women's Section), European YMCA, 10 a.m.

Sino-British Club Symphony Orchestra, St. John's Cathedral, 8 p.m.
Royal Air Forces Association luncheon, Cook & Pullet Restaurant, Duddell St., 12.45 p.m.
Urban Council meeting, 4.45 p.m.
Plano-Vocal Recital, St. Stephen's Girls' College, 7.45 p.m.

Coning Events
TOMORROW
Y.M.C.A. Club Luncheon, H. K. Hotel, 12.45 p.m.
FRIDAY
H.K. Fire Insurance Co. Ltd., annual general meeting, Jardine's Board Room, 12 noon.
Kowloon Rotary Club luncheon, talk on "Modern Application of Radar," Peninsula Hotel, 12.30 p.m.

SATURDAY
China Provident Loan & Mortgage Co., Ltd., annual general meeting, Jacobson Room, 12 noon.

FOOD AND FUEL COSTS
The food and fuel costs for the week ending March 27, 1948, issued by the Labour Office were as follows:

Rice and Flour	2.2 cabbages	\$5.7600
Vegetables	1.9 "	1.0070
Salt Cabbage	2 "	3.2200
Oil	7 "	1.7570
Tea	2 "	9.0000
Salt Fish		

KOWLOON OPIUM CASES

Long List At Magistracy

A Naive Excuse

"He was asleep and I was awake, so I took the watch," was the naive excuse, given by Lung Fat-yun (26) when asked by Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday what he had to say to a charge of larceny of a pocket watch from Yu Lau, 20-year-old merchant of 89, Matauau Road, second floor, on March 27.

"Can you keep what you find in your village?" asked the Magistrate. "Yes," replied defendant. "In my village (Chu Lan in the Ho Lung district) we could keep the things we picked up." "I would sure like to be in your village," smilingly replied Mr. Latimer, who added, however, "But you can't do it here! Three months' hard labour!"

According to Inspector J. Orem, defendant and Yu were fellow-passengers of the motor junk "Hing On" from San Mei to Hong Kong. Shortly after midnight on March 27, Yu went to sleep with the watch in his right upper jacket pocket. He awoke at 4 a.m. and found the watch gone.

On arrival of the junk at Hong Kong, the passengers were subjected to a routine search, and the watch found by P.C. 3309 dangling between the legs of the defendant. Complainant immediately recognised his property, concluded Inspector Orem.

Got Money By Fraud

Pleading guilty to obtaining various sums of money from firms by fraud, Chung Wah Ki, 25, advertising agent, was sentenced to two years' hard labour by Mr. F. X. d'Almeida at Central yesterday.

The prosecution alleged that defendant collected sums of \$18 and \$36 from various firms in Kowloon, purporting to be subscriptions for the "Chung Yung Evening News."

The victims, not receiving their papers, made enquiries. The police were informed and defendant located and charged.

Defendant merely pleaded for leniency. He had a previous conviction for possession of arms. He was sentenced to 18 months' imprisonment.

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"These cases appear to be making a re-appearance," said Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr to Court Inspector J. S. Howarth when Wong Sang (49) appeared on remand charged with keeping an opium divan at 547 Shanghai Street, first floor; keeping a heroin divan at the same address; possession of 1.5 mace prepared opium and 304 heroin pills; and possession of four opium and 12 heroin pipes, on March 20.

The premises were raided by Revenue Officer D. Knox (who prosecuted) at 10.30 p.m. on March 20, when only the accused was found on the floor.

On the opium divan charge, defendant was fined \$600 (or three months' hard labour). A consecutive sentence of a year's hard labour was passed on the heroin divan count. Accused was cautioned on the possession of prepared opium and pipes charges, and sentenced to a concurrent term of six months' hard labour for possession of 304 heroin pills.

Tsang Tse (43) was fined \$250 (or three months' hard labour) and sentenced to a further 12 months' hard labour when he pleaded guilty to the charges of possession of prepared opium and 134 heroin pills, four opium and four heroin pipes, and keeping an opium divan at 209 Reclamation Street, first floor, on March 20.

On the additional charge, preferred by Inspector J. Orem, of breach of expulsion order, defendant was recommended to be deported.

Revenue Officer D. Knox, prosecuting, said the premises were raided by Senior Revenue Officer Tsang at 10.30 p.m. on March 20. Defendant and eight smokers (who were fined \$20 each on March 21) were arrested.

Two Raids

Two raids conducted by Sub-Inspector Hadden on March 20 resulted in the arrest of two keepers and eight smokers found in opium divans.

Chung Wing (40), pleading guilty to keeping a divan at 102, Yu Chiu Street, first floor; and to possession of two tins of opium dust, was fined \$100 (or seven weeks' simple imprisonment) by Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr.

"The eight smokers arrested by S/I Hadden in the raid at 10.30 p.m. were fined \$20 each, while the five pipes and five lamps seized were ordered to be confiscated."

In the other raid, at 1.05 p.m. at 114 Nan Chung Street, first floor, Chiu Wing (40) was found in possession of 1.8 mace of prepared opium and five heroin pipes.

He was fined \$350 (or two months' hard labour) for keeping an opium divan and a further six months' hard labour for possession of the heroin pipes.

In another case of keeping an opium divan and possession of prepared opium, Sub-Inspector J. S. Howarth told the Court that Inspector F. Roberts raided 68 Ho Fa Village, Tsau Wan, at 8.30 p.m. on March 25 and arrested Tsang Hoi (40) admitted being the keeper of the divan.

Tsang was fined \$125 (or seven weeks' simple imprisonment), and his eight smokers \$20 each. Two lamps and two pipes were seized.

When Ho Kwok-fan (34), travelling trader, was searched at the Yau Ma Tei Railway Station at 9.45 p.m. on March 26, said Revenue Officer Knox, 15 tins of raw opium was found hidden inside the shoes he was wearing.

Defendant was fined \$1,500 (or nine months' hard labour) by Mr. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday.

Hidden in Shoes

Three other men were found to have used their shoes as the hiding places for the opium which they admitted to smuggle into the Colony.

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Lau Fan (22), described as a student, was fined \$1,600 (or seven months' hard labour) when he pleaded guilty before Mr. Latimer to possession of 18 tins of raw opium (found by P.C. 75 concealed in the shoes he was wearing) at 10 p.m. on March 27 at the K.C.R. Station.

Found with two tins of raw opium in the shoes he was wearing when he stopped off the train at 9.15 p.m. on March 26, Chung Luenn was fined \$200 (or six weeks' hard labour) by Mr. Latimer yesterday.

Pleading guilty to the possession of eight tins of raw opium, found by P.C. 75 in a small brief case at 7.30 p.m. on March 26, Lui Hok-fai (27) was fined \$800 (or four months' hard labour) by Mr. Latimer yesterday. The seizure was made at the K.C.R. Station.

Yeung Cheung (39) who attempted to smuggle 55 tins of raw opium into the Colony on March 20 was sentenced to six months' hard labour by Mr. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday. Defendant was arrested at the K.C.R. Station.

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PRISONER'S LEAP FROM BUS

The bold bid for liberty made by a handcuffed prisoner in the afternoon of March 6, resulting in his being shot in the leg and buttock and consequent hospitalisation, was recalled in Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr's Court yesterday by Det.-Inspector Hemsley when Chan Po-tong (20) was charged with loitering, escaping from custody, and breach of deportation order.

Alleged Robbers At Sessions

The trial of Yip Yee, Yau Kun, Wong Yiu-wah and Cheung Ping-wo, who were charged in connection with robberies committed in December last in Tai Ping Shun Street and Peel Street, commenced before Mr. Justice T. J. Gould (Puisne Judge), yesterday.

Mr. J. Reynolds, Crown Counsel, assisted by Det.-Insp. T. Cashman, conducted the case for the prosecution.

Mr. Reynolds said that on Dec. 6 accused were among a party of armed and masked men who entered the 1st floor of 16 Tai Ping Shun Street. Three were armed with revolvers. The inmates on the floor were all herded into a cubicle and tied up with wire. The men then ransacked the premises, taking away with them articles to the value of \$1,844.

Some three weeks later, on Dec. 27, a similar robbery took place on the 1st floor of 12 Peel Street, the robbers in this case getting away with articles valued at \$270.

On Jan. 4, Chinese Detective Cheung Wink-kam went to 134 Wanchai Road and there arrested the first and second accused, who made certain statements after being cautioned. They were then taken to No. 2 Police Station, where they elected to make further statements, which were taken down in writing.

On the same day, the fourth accused was arrested. Later that evening, the first accused took a Chinese detective to a house in Chung Ching Street, where the third accused was found and arrested.

Through a pawn-ticket which had been sold by first accused to a witness named Yau Kiu, a suit of Chinese clothing was recovered from a pawnshop and later identified by one of the victims of the Peel Street robbery as his property.

The jury were asked to return at 10 a.m. today, the afternoon's proceedings being occupied with arguments as to the admissibility of certain statements made by the accused.

Safety Measures At Hong Kong Wharves

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At a meeting last Thursday of shipping representatives at the Harbour Office, where the six-point recommendation was discussed, it was agreed unanimously to abide by the new regulations governing control of passenger traffic on river steamers.

Originally the date set for the enforcement was April 1, but at the conference last week it was extended to April 10 to give more time to the companies to fix up the necessary requirements. These include the erection of barriers inside the wharves, the printing of new identification cards and the ordering of "baggage cooler uniforms."

Among those attending the conference were staff members from the Hop Kwan Hong Shipping Co., Ming Sang Co., Wan Tung Co., Cheong Fung Hong, Kwong Navigation Co., Colonial Navigation Co., Chow Sang & Co., Yau Cheong Shipping Co., Wo Hing S.S. Co., John Mannors Co., Wo Cheung Fat, Mollers (Hong Kong), and Wan Tung Co.

The recommendations, which were notified by letter last March 6 to the companies concerned, cover crew identification, authorization of coolies to handle passenger baggage, the boarding into the vessel of passengers, sales of tickets, restriction of personal luggage carried by hand and dangerous cargo.

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Tang Man, 19, who was pushing the tricycle with deceased at the time of the accident, said that while about 80 feet from the junction of Waterloo Road with Argyle Street, a car, driven by Lei, "suddenly came up from behind and knocked against the tricycle, sending it over on its left side and dragging deceased for about ten feet."

The tricycle was loaded with 500 catties of salt but was not very heavy to push. The car driver did not sound his horn, alleged witness.

Div-Inspector J. Serim (Kowloon Traffic Office), watched proceedings on behalf of the Police. Lei Muk-wah appeared in person and elected to make no statement other than the one made to the Police at the time of the accident.

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Barriers

Regarding the crew cords, shipping companies were given a sample card, and they were to print accordingly and distribute among their staff. Each card will bear the "chop" of the Harbour authority.

Coolies must wear "red uniforms" bearing the name of the wharf and the number of the coolie. These authorized employees will handle passenger luggage between the ship and the entrance to the wharf.

Another barrier is being erected inside each wharf where all passengers will congregate one hour before the scheduled sailing time. From there they will board the vessel, instead of the usual procedure of allowing passengers to "choose the best place" hours before the vessel is due to leave. The barrier will take about a week to finish, and work is already under way in all the wharves.

Hand baggage will be restricted to 40 lb. instead of the former unrestricted amounts. This will facilitate the arrangement for passenger space and lessen the danger of congestion of passengers and combustible materials.

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trance, on the 29th 30th and
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New tickets (for passengers
not holding a ticket for the
present month) can be obtain-
ed at the Traffic Office only
from 31st March.

V. WALKER
Acting General Manager

POLICE NOTICE

IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that
the Gas Main in Western Street
is now under repair and West-
ern Street between Des Voeux
Road and Queen's Road will be
closed to Vehicular Traffic as
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The Seventy-fifth Ordinary
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will be held at the offices of the
Undersigned on Friday, the 2nd
April, 1948, at Noon, for the
purpose of receiving the Report
of the General Managers to-
gether with a Statement of Ac-
counts for the year ended 31st
December, 1947.

The Share Register and
Transfer Books will be closed
from the 19th March to the
2nd April, 1948, both days in-
clusive.

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General Managers,

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that the Fourteenth Ordinary
General Meeting of Share-
holders will be held at the Regis-
tered Offices of the Company,
King's Theatre Building, 5th
floor, on Wednesday, the 31st
day of March, 1948, at 12
o'clock noon, to receive the
Directors' Report and Accounts
as at 31st December, 1947, to
elect Directors and Auditors
and to transact such other
business as may be properly
transacted at an Ordinary
General Meeting of the Com-
pany.

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY
GIVEN that the Register and
transfer Books of the Com-
pany will be closed from the
23rd to the 31st day of March,
1948 both days inclusive.

GEORGE Y. K. SUN,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 18th March, 1948.

THE DAIRY FARM, ICE & COLD STORAGE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that the Forty-eighth Ordinary
Yearly Meeting of the Share-
holders in the Company will be
held at the Company's Office,
Windsor House, Mezzanine
Floor, Hong Kong, on Thursday
16th April, 1948, at 11 A.M.
for the purpose of receiving
the Report of the Directors
together with Statement of
Accounts for the year ended
31st December, 1947, to
sanction the declaration of a
Dividend and Bonus and to re-
elect Directors and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the
Company will be closed from
1st April, 1948, to 15th April,
1948, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of
Directors.

G. MILNE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 22nd March, 1948.

THE HONG KONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that the FIFTY-SIXTH OR-
DINARY GENERAL MEETING OF
SHAREHOLDERS in this
Company will be held at the
Offices of Messrs. Jardine,
Matheson & Co., Ltd., on WED-
NESDAY, 31st April, 1948, at
NOON for the purpose of re-
ceiving the Report of the Direc-
tors together with the State-
ment of Accounts for the year
ended 31st December, 1947,
to elect Directors and to appoint
Auditors.

The REGISTER OF SHARES
of the Company will be closed
from WEDNESDAY, 7th April,
1948, to WEDNESDAY, 31st
April, 1948, both days inclusive,
during which period no trans-
fer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of
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B. C. FIELD,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 30th March, 1948.

U.S. "CONSCRIPTION" URGED Means Of Achieving "Lasting Peace"

Washington, Mar. 30.

Bernard Baruch today urged prompt enactment of
universal military training and selective ser-
vice legislation as a means of achieving "the
stability in the world which lasting peace re-
quires."

The financier and Presidential adviser said: "The
greatest single necessity in the world today is
for America to make up its mind where it
stands so that the other free peoples on earth
know where to rally."

Baruch called also for an "economic mobilisation plan"
and said America's failure to
muster all its resources now

for peace would leave no al-
ternative but to mobilise for
war in the future.

Testifying before the Senate
Armed Services Committee,
Baruch suggested the appoint-
ment of someone to "watch the
impact upon our economy of the
partial mobilisation we are enter-
ing upon and to maintain a con-
stant inventory, balancing all our
growing commitments against
our resources."

Stop Russia

Before Baruch spoke, Chair-
man J. C. Gurney declared his
Armed Services Committee
must conclude hearings on
military phases of President
Truman's Stop Russia pro-
gramme by the end of this
week.

The South Dakota Republican's
committee is considering tem-
porary revival of the wartime
draft, permanent universal mili-
tary training and immediate ex-
pansion of the peacetime strength
of the armed forces at a cost of
\$553,440 million.

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"So terrible are the destructive
potentialities of modern insti-
tutions of war, it is no long-
er good enough to punish an ag-
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war. Preventing war requires
outstanding national security
before the brush is upon us.
Never again do we dare permit
our own lack of preparedness to
encourage any potential aggres-
sor into attacking this country or
into over-running other peaceful
nations."

He said "In whatever we
undertake, we must be guided
by the necessity of not wreck-
ing ourselves, for that would
defeat all we attempt."

He added:

"Knowing where we stand, I
believe, would make possible re-
newed endeavours to find some
basis of settlement with the So-
viet Union. It is my hope that
an understanding with the So-
viets may yet be attained. We
should continue striving for suc-
cess in peace-making, even while
guarding against possible failure.
Only by standing guard do we
gain time to continue seeking
peace."—Associated Press.

Peiping Student Trouble

Peiping, Mar. 29.

Police, troops and volun-
teers today barred approaches
to the Peiping National Uni-
versity as a move against
feared student demonstration.
No one was allowed through
the cordon.

Representatives of various
universities had intended to meet
there to protest against orders
for the dissolution of student
unions on the ground they were
employed by Communists to
create disorder. The orders came
from Generalissimo Chiang Kai-
shek's Headquarters in Peiping.

The authorities feared that a
student meeting, if held, would
result in virtually an anti-
Government march through the
streets.

"Student trouble" has been
brewing in Peiping for some
days. Four hundred students
from Tientsin, ostensibly in
Peiping on a sight-seeing tour,
made a common course with
undergraduates here.

Last night they staged a play
at the Peiping National Uni-
versity depicting the life of Lenin
and, according to all accounts, it
was enthusiastically received.—
Associated Press.

Picket Lines Outside N.Y. Stock Exchange

New York, Mar. 29.

About 200 members of the
American United Financial Em-
ployees Union today began
picketing the New York Stock
Exchange.

They carried placards stating
that they were striking against
"union busting" and "for better
working conditions and higher
wages."

The United Financial Em-
ployees Union is affiliated to the
American Federation of Labour.

The picketing followed several
fruitless weeks of negotiations
for a contract between the Union
and representatives of the Stock
and Curb Exchanges, and several
Exchange member firms.

The picket lines were heavily
reinforced by members of the
Sailors' and Seamen's Union.
Brokers, entered the Exchange,
however, and early business was
done about the usual pace.—Reu-
ter.

Siamese Plane On Inaugural Flight

An aircraft of a new Siamese Government-backed
airline, linking Bangkok and Hong Kong,
landed at Kai Tak airport yesterday afternoon
on the inaugural flight.

Operated by the Siamese Air-
ways Company, the aircraft
brought to the Colony airline
officials, including Major-
General Chai Prathipakien,
manager, and Mr. Banchart
Kanchanaphinthu, acting di-
rector of the Siamese Government
Tourist Bureau.

Regular services will begin in
the latter part of April with a
twice-weekly schedule.

Siamese Airways Company at
present operates services to
Penang, Singapore and Saigon,
as well as internal services.

The company plans to expand
to Shanghai, Manila and other
centres in the near future.

It operates 20 aircraft, the
largest being Dakotas, and has
been in operation one year.

At a cocktail party at the Pen-
insula Hotel yesterday afternoon
to mark the inaugural flight, the
Siamese Consul, Mr. S. Bumac,
was present.

Among other guests were the
director of Air Services, Mr. A.
J. R. Moss, representatives of
competing airlines, Standard-
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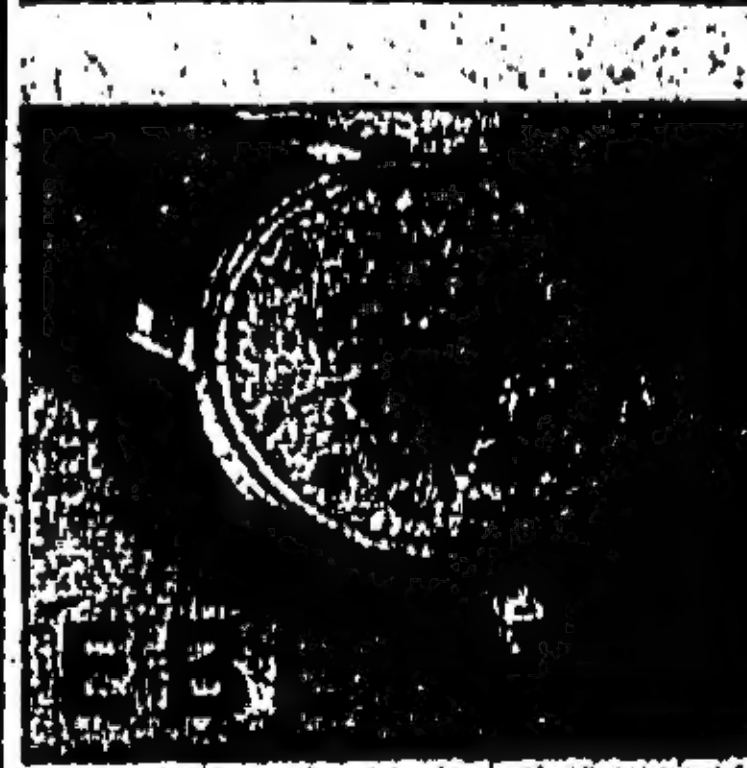


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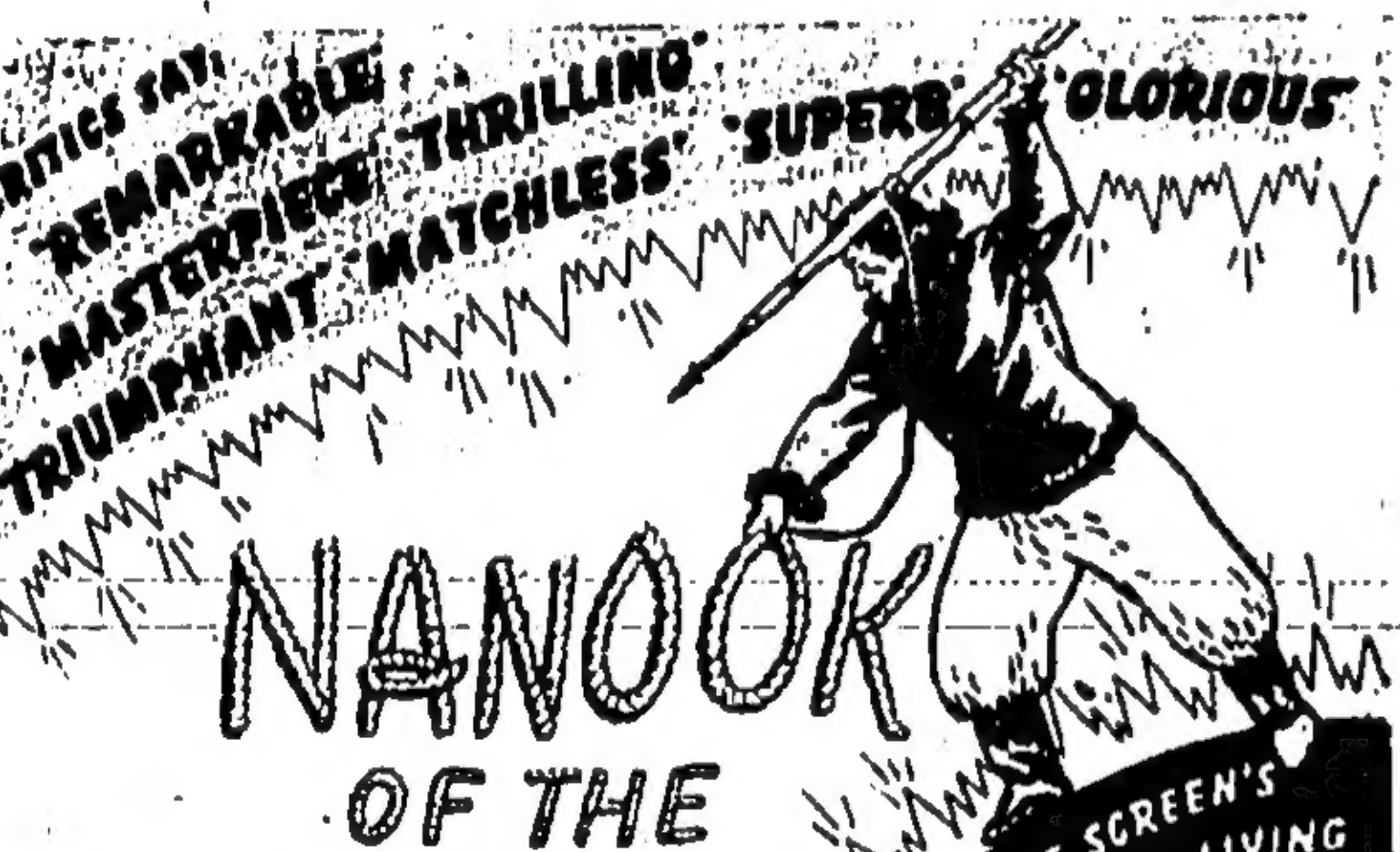
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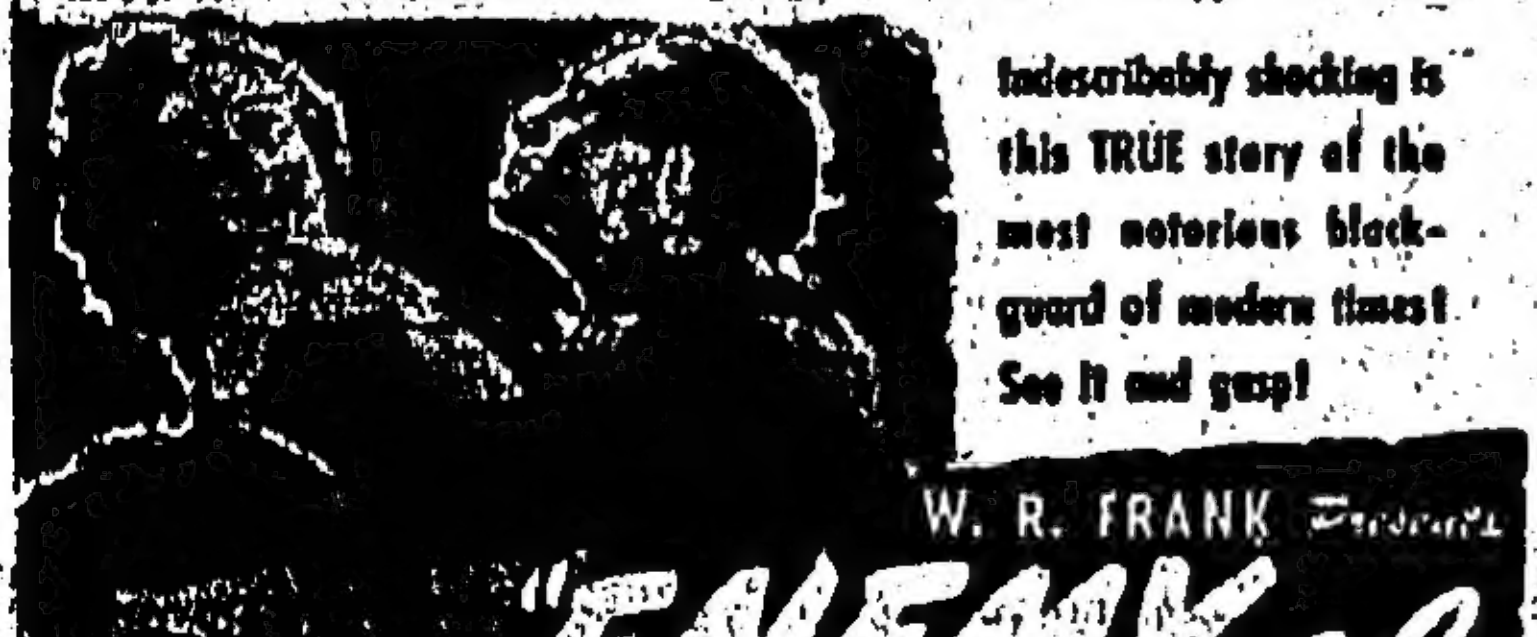
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GEN. CHIANG IS ANGRY

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"Order From Me Can't Be Changed"

Nanking, Mar. 30. Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek last night castigated 54 "rebel Kuomintang" members for disobeying his order given on Saturday. "The political situation in China is charged with explosives and we must rely on the support of minor parties. Therefore, in order to show your interest in the party and allegiance to me you must give up your seats", he ordered.

"I am head of this country and an order from me cannot be changed. This problem has given me sleepless nights and even though you have received the support of the people you must obey my instructions", the Generalissimo told them during a two-hour conference.

Asked the reasons for the forcible eviction of the "hunger strikers," Chiang charged they were violating public order and discipline and he admitted that the police had been sent on his instructions to clear the National Assembly.

During an interview Chiang ridiculed the "rebels" threat to "storm" the National Assembly and chided them for not taking the action they had promised. Mr. Wen-chi, leader of the group, declared last night that though three of their number had promised Chiang to give up their seats to minority parties the majority were resolved to carry out their plan and he expressed confidence that the Generalissimo would reverse his decision with the American public sentiment and censure on the illegal and un-democratic elections was known in China.

New Constitution

Some outstanding provisions of the new constitution which assembly delegates swore to uphold yesterday are:

(1) Free elections to be held every sixth year of National Assembly by popular vote which will in turn elect the President and Vice-President of the Republic.

(2) The continuation of the "Five Yuan" system—the Legislative Yuan which enacts laws; the Executive Yuan composed of the Premier and Ministers of Government, who take executive action; Judicial Yuan, which serves as China's Supreme Court; the Examination Yuan, which is in effect the director of the civil service of the Government; the Control Yuan, which investigates irregularities and brings impeachment actions where necessary. Members of Legislative and Control Yuns are elected; the former by popular vote, the latter by provincial municipal councils.

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Republic Of Britain?

Southport, Mar. 29. The National Administrative Council of the Independent Labour Party, sitting in private this afternoon, accepted a resolution without discussion calling for "the abolition of the monarchy and all other forms of privilege" and the setting up of "Socialist Republican State in Britain."—Reuter.

Singapore, Mar. 29. Despatches from Lumut to-day said Sultan Abdul Perak died yesterday. He was 61. He had ruled over 1,000,000 subjects in Malaya's richest mining state since 1930.—Associated Press.

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S. Q 7 5 4
H. Q 8 3
D. Q 5 3
C. 6 4 2

S. K 10
H. A 7 6
D. A K J
C. K J 7

S. J 9 8
H. 6 2
D. 4 2
C. Q 9 5

S. A 3
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C. A 10 8 3

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South West North East
1 H Dbl Pass 1 S
Pass 1 NT

This deal is a good exemplification of the true statement that high contracts are not necessary to produce bridge dramas. Two of the nation's top, Leo Hazen and Morrie Ellis of New York, both of whom have won the masters' individual championship, were in the North-South seats in a pair event. Deciding to play for penalties against the 1-N trump in preference to bidding some more and seeking a mere part score, Mr. Ellis led his heart 3, the K being allowed to win. Mr. Hazen shot back the heart 5 to the Q, and the 8 was led to the A.

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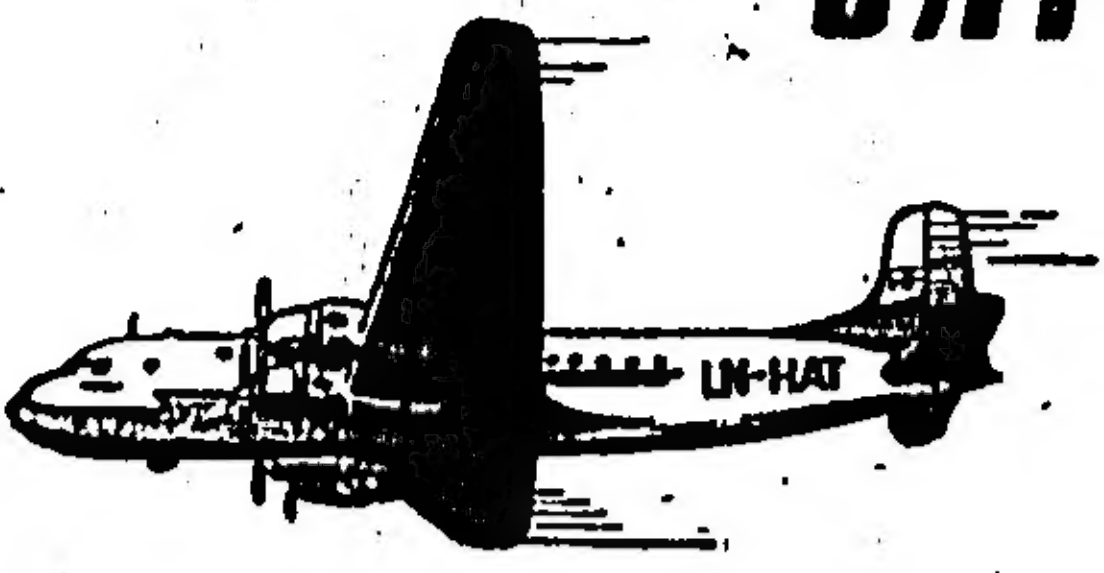
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Lend-Lease To Be Revived?

Possibly Next Stage In Truman Plan To "Contain" Soviet Expansion

SUBSTITUTE FOR CONSCRIPTION

Washington, Mar. 29.
A revival of military lend-lease to Britain and other members of the Western European Union is being discussed by officials in Washington and is one of the most frequently debated topics of leading newspaper columnists.
The Secretary of State, Mr. George Marshall, declined last week to comment on the subject, except to say that over a considerable period of time the United States had received requests from the French Government for equipment.

Military lend-lease is regarded by some observers here as the next stage in the Truman Doctrine of "containing" Soviet expansion.

The first stage was the emergency action, beginning in March, 1947, to save Greece and Turkey from falling into the Soviet orbit.

The second stage was the Marshall Plan to prevent European nations from succumbing to Communism as a result of economic collapse.

The third stage began with the formation of the Western European Union at Brussels.

Filling Vacuum

The fourth is the rearmament of the United States through conscription and increased military equipment.

The fifth stage would be the provision of arms to Western European nations to fill the military vacuum created by the lack of equipment of the Western European armies, particularly France.

No reference to military lend-lease as such has been made in any official pronouncements, despite the widespread press discussions.

The timing of any such pronouncements is regarded here as of vital importance in view of Congressional reaction. If a military lend-lease programme were put to Congress before the conscription programme has been substantially dealt with, the lend-

Bigger R.A.F.?

Much of the press speculation centres on military aid to France, which is known to have some 650,000 men available in the French forces but to be seriously short of equipment and supplies.

Officials of the French Embassy described talks of such a programme as premature until the Western European powers have had an opportunity of filling in the details of their military alliance.

One entirely unconfirmed report attributes the Department of National Defence a plan for the expansion of the Royal Air Force with the help of new American planes designed to make it the most powerful defence and striking force in Europe.—Reuter.

De Valera's Dim View

Boston, Mar. 29.
Mr. Eamon de Valera, former Prime Minister of Eire, told 10,000 people demonstrating in his honour here last night: "There is no doubt in my mind that we are going to have another war unless the nations of the world join in guaranteeing justice."
Mr. de Valera added that "we in Ireland are looking for such an organisation."
Reuter.

ADMIRAL DEAD

Menlo Park, Cal., Mar. 30.
Rear-Admiral Ernest L. Gunther, 60, wartime air force commander of the Pacific Fleet, died here today.

The veteran Navy airman led the naval air offensive in the Solomon campaign during the war. He retired less than two months ago after illness.

He served in both the world wars. He was given command of the fleet (South Pacific) air force against the Japanese in the South and Central Pacific campaigns, and was made air force commander in 1945.

Gunther was decorated with the Navy Cross, and the Legion of Merit, and Companion of the Order of the Bath.—United Press.

Franco's New Slogan: "We Don't Care"

Madrid, Mar. 30.
General Francisco Franco told Spanish youth on Monday the nation is a fortress of unity and its new slogan is "we do not care" if any abroad should try to incite disunion in Spain.

He spoke to a concentration of 4,500 Falange Youth at his El Pardo palace residence and to the nation by radio.

Falange Youth, ranging from 14 to 16 years old, massed in front of the palace in tribute to Franco on the anniversary of the Civil War victory which is to be formally marked on April 1.

Franco reviewed the youths in military formation and spoke from the main balcony of the palace.

Most of the speech was devoted to an attack on the failure of the world to understand and appreciate Spain and against Russia.

"In the eclipse the world is suffering, some European countries still do not perceive dangers that we announced to the world ten years ago and the truth of our revolution," he said.

Franco was most bitter in his attack on Russia.

Referring to Spanish children evacuated to Russia during the Civil War, he added "what saddens us most is the best of our youth taken away to be educated in Communist ideals and without God."

Occupation Currency Defaced

Tokyo, Mar. 30.
Allied Headquarters today called in all American occupation money which had been defaced by the addition of political slogans both for and against presidential candidacy for General Douglas MacArthur.

The Headquarters spokesman said the slogans which have appeared on military currency recently, were "mostly pro-MacArthur."

The order specifically dealt in currency "defaced in violation of the laws which prohibit the use of money for political purposes."

It cited defacing of currency as violation of the United States criminal code.

Colonel H. S. Ruth, General MacArthur's fiscal director, described the slogans as "political matter or any other notices."

He said they were both favourable and opposed to the announced Republican candidacy of the Supreme Allied Commander, but that most of them were favourable.—United Press.

Prayers For Peace

York, Mar. 30.
The Archbishop of York, Dr. Cyril Garbett, in York, Minster, called for Easter prayers "for the peace of Jerusalem," which, he said, faced destruction in the Arab-Jewish strife.

"Most earnestly, I appeal to the United Nations to take at once the steps necessary to save Jerusalem from destruction, and especially I would appeal to Christians in the United States to urge this course upon their Government," Dr. Garbett said.

"If, indeed, Jerusalem with its sacred places perishes in general ruin, then too late a cry of horror and shame will rise from Christendom, and the United Nations will have suffered a blow to its influence and prestige from which it will probably never recover."—Reuter.

New Delhi, Mar. 29.
Negotiations have been completed between Japan and India for the exchange of 100,000 tons of Indian cotton for 10,000 tons of Japanese steel.—Reuter.

Decisive Stage In Moscow

Helsinki, Mar. 30.

Reliable sources said tonight that President Juho K. Paasikivi was drafting new instructions to the Finnish delegation now negotiating in Moscow for a friendship and defence pact with Russia.

Activities here centre about Paasikivi indicated the Moscow conference was reaching a decisive stage.

The Finnish group has been in Moscow a week for the treaty talks.

Paasikivi received his closest advisers during the day, and informed sources said Government circles reported a grave view of the current Moscow proceedings, indicating the Soviets were pressing for an out and out military pact.

No details of a Russian programme have been disclosed here, however.—Associated Press.

WHAT "BIZONIA" WILL NEED

Frankfurt, Mar. 29.
The Anglo-American authorities here today discussed what they should request for Bizonia under the Marshall Plan.

The basis for their deliberation was a detailed production, export and import budget for the year beginning April 1, worked out by the German Bizonia authorities, which put import requirements for the year at not less than \$562,500,000.

The Anglo-American officials were discussing what part of this total was to be covered by German exports and what the occupying powers would have to supply as hitherto and what could reasonably be asked for under the Marshall Plan.

The German estimate, revised after earlier discussions with the Allied Control authorities, is made up of more than \$225,000,000 worth of raw materials, more than \$225,000,000 worth of food, and about \$100,000,000 worth of finished goods.

The finished goods required include urgently needed equipment such as railway goods, and also consumer goods, including those wanted as incentives for miners and export workers.

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RUMANIAN ELECTIONS

Bucharest, Mar. 29.
Rumania's first poll as a Republic to elect a new constituent Assembly showed a 78 per cent majority for the Popular Democratic Front—a Government bloc of the United Workers (including the Communists), the Labour Front, the National Popular Party and the Hungarian Popular Union.

More than 80 per cent of the 8,000,000 electors voted. In those constituencies which it contested, the Liberal Party, led by M. Petru Botez, polled about 10 per cent of the total votes. About 10 per cent of the votes were declared null and void.—Reuter.

Orthodox Patriarch Retiring

Istanbul, Mar. 30.
Maximos, the fifth patriarch of the Greek Orthodox Church, informed the Holy Synod on Sunday that he was retiring shortly from one of the world's mightiest religious thrones.

The resignation is expected to come shortly, and informed sources predicted that Archbishop Athinagoras of New York would be elected to sit as the supreme spiritual leader of the world's nearly 140,000,000 of Orthodox faith.

While no official communique was issued it is understood the Holy Synod promised to make Maximos Archbishop of Ephesus (in Turkish Anatolia) and give that bishopric a status which would leave Maximos first below the patriarch in the hierarchy of the church.

Maximos, who on Feb. 30, 1947 became one of the youngest patriarchs in the history of the church at the age of 51, broke down in health shortly after assuming office and has been unwell since.

Doctors examining his case decided he is suffering from acute melancholia brought on by the strict restrictions imposed by his high office.

He frequently has been reported as resigning but nothing definite was fixed until Sunday.—Associated Press.

BUS TRAGEDY

Bogota, Colombia, Mar. 30.
Eleven persons died today in a burning motor bus at Durania in the Department of Santander del Norte, despatches from there said.—Associated Press.

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APPEAL TO JOURNALISTS Need For A Code Of Honour

Geneva, Mar. 29.

A strong appeal to journalists all over the world to band themselves together in defence of the ethics of their profession and draw up a journalists' code of honour was made by the Prime Minister of Mysore, Sir Ramaswami Mudaliar, who is leader of the Indian delegation to the Conference on the Freedom of Information, here today.

"This is not a case for government action", he told the 56-nation conference. "It is a matter for journalists themselves—for internal self-discipline."

"Let us not toss backwards and forwards the shuttlecock allegations of warmongering. If there is today an atmosphere of war, we are all, in some measure, responsible for it."

Sir Ramaswami appealed to journalists to set up a body which would have the right to censure members and expel them for actions not in accordance with journalistic ethics. "I should like to see the journalists' profession protected by a code of honour in the same way as the medical and legal professions", he added.

At Caux, when he addressed 500 delegates attending a Moral Re-armament Easter Assembly there, Sir Ramaswami said "the last world war is only just finished. The material and human gains are still there. Yet after two years, people are talking of another war."

Mr. McNeill declared: "I must say I could mirror these words by quotations from Russia, from Hungary and I fear, at the bottom of my heart, that soon, with great melancholy, I could mirror them from Czechoslovakia."

The Remedy

"Let those who attack us show me a decree from the countries of Western Europe or North America, India or Pakistan, or the British Commonwealth."

Mr. McNeill said the remedy to the Russian and Rumanian criticism of sections of the British and American press "is not the manufacture of more manacles and more chains."

"The remedy is to open the doors which are closed, to give to the trained reporter the opportunity to report, to afford the traditional newspapers the ability to publish, to take the radio off radio stations and to take the blinkers off the people."

"The remedy is not less publication but more."

He said the basic and continuing differences between the Soviet press and that of the Western democracies was that "our constant intention is to run risks rather than restrict or repress, whereas, on the other side, repression takes place ruthlessly rather than that a Soviet or Slav Government should run any risks of having its policy challenged."—Reuter.

Gandhi's Work

"What has happened to the world," he asked his listeners, "that they have so soon forgotten?" adding: "The solution must be found elsewhere than in the atom bomb."

Emphasising that ways must be found for ridding the world of mistrust between nation and nation, and particularly between race and race, Sir Ramaswami paid tribute to the work of Mahatma Gandhi who, he said, "listened for that inner voice. Gandhi brought about a revolution in the mentality of my country. But one man cannot completely revolutionise the thought of a whole nation. That is why we have experienced such tragedies, because one man, even so great a man, was not enough."

The sentiments by Sir Ramaswami were echoed by speakers from Britain, France and Germany.

British Draft

The press in the Soviet Union and the Eastern European States was compared by Mr. Hector McNeill, Minister of State, with that in France Spain.

Mr. McNeill was presenting a draft treaty aimed at securing worldwide acceptance of British principles of freedom of expression and information to the Conference.

The British Minister quoted a press decree from General Franco which announced that, for the first time, the liberty of the press would be authentically and solemnly affirmed and proclaimed that the Spanish press could never founder into a "democratic liberalism which could foster criticism of the State."

IRAN ASKS RUSSIA TO STOP NAME-CALLING

It was revealed in Teheran on Monday night that Iran has bluntly asked Russia for an end to "bad propaganda" which is "detrimental to both countries."

In a strongly worded note to the Russian Embassy in Teheran the Iranian Government protested Russia's attitude.

The Iranian Foreign Office spoke of the continuance of "unfriendly news toward Iranian policy by individuals and quarters related to the Soviet Government."

The Iranian note specifically mentioned "baseless statements" by "Professor Steinberg...accusing Premier Hakkini of being an old enemy of the Soviet Union."

The note continued: "The Iranian Ministry of Foreign Affairs finds it necessary to inform

Yugoslav Complaint

Washington, Mar. 29. Yugoslavia has complained to the United States that American planes have crossed the Yugoslav border three times this year, a State Department spokesman said here today.

The Yugoslav note was "couched in mild terms," he said.—Reuter.

U.S. Tanks Sent To Russia?

Washington, Mar. 29. Congressional investigators hurried to New York today to investigate anonymous "tips" that American tanks and anti-aircraft guns have been shipped to Russia.

Mr. George Quinn, counsel for a House of Representatives investigating committee, told reporters the committee had received an unsigned letter from New York telling of the purported shipment and stating the weapons were boxed and labelled as machinery.

Mr. Quinn said: "I do not put too much stock on it, but we are not overlooking any angles on the leakage of potential war materials from this country to Russia and her satellites."

One of the tasks assigned to the investigators is to track down reports that holders of export licences have sold them for fees and that the transferred licences have been used to export mislabelled materials.—Reuter.

Nassau, Bahamas, Mar. 29. Miss Elizabeth Murphy, 17-year-old second daughter of Sir William Murphy, Governor of the Bahamas, was seriously injured, and Mr. Anthony Berry, 22-year-old son of Lord Kemsley, the British newspaper magnate, slightly injured, in a motor accident here today.—Reuter.

Big Three Confab Denied

Washington, Mar. 29. The White House today emphatically denied a report that a meeting between President Truman, Mr. Clement Attlee and Marshal Stalin was in prospect.

Officials of the White House said such reports were "fantastic."

The latest rumours of such a meeting originated in London. It was stated that President Truman had no plans to leave the United States now or in the future, and that he stands by his earlier statements that any "Big Three" meeting, if one was ever called, would have to be in Washington.

Mr. Charles G. Ross, the Presidential Press Secretary, denied a correspondent's report from Turkey that President Truman might visit that country shortly.—Reuter.

Labour MPs To Confer In Rome

Rome, Mar. 29. Two British Labour Members of Parliament, Mr. Ivor Thomas and Mr. Christopher Shawcross, arrived in Rome today to discuss with the Italian Socialists the United Europe Conference, which is being held under the chairmanship of Mr. Winston Churchill, at The Hague in May.

They are to confer with members of the Italian left wing parties to decide on the attitude that Socialists in favour of a federal Union of Europe should adopt towards the Hague Conference.

European Socialist parties decided at their recent London conference to stay away from The Hague and to hold their own United Europe Conference in Paris in April.

The British Labour Party has, however, indicated that it will not take disciplinary action against any of its members who attend the Hague conference.—Reuter.

Pilot Had Too Much Time On His Hands

London, Mar. 29. Customs officials found more than 2,000 watches and many hundreds of English banknotes in an aircraft which landed at Lympne, Kent, after a journey from the Continent.

The pilot was questioned and a man will appear at Hythe court on Thursday, accused of smuggling and currency offences.—Reuter.

Athens, Mar. 29. Vice-Admiral Forrest Sherman, commander of the United States forces in the Mediterranean, is expected to arrive at Piraeus tomorrow on board the cruiser Rochester on a visit which will extend to April 6. Accompanying the Rochester will be the cruiser Dayton, two destroyers and the naval transport Vermilion.—Reuter.

Burma Recommended For UNO Seat

Lake Success, Mar. 29. The Security Council's Committee on the admission of new members agreed today to recommend Burma for membership of the United Nations.

The committee agreed, without a formal vote, to report to the Council that Burma fulfilled the necessary qualifications.

The Charter requires that new member states shall be peace-loving, accept the obligations contained in the Charter and, in the opinion of the organization, be able and willing to carry out these obligations.

Ex-INA Banned From The Indian Army

London, Mar. 29. Pandit Nehru, Prime Minister of India, announced in the Indian Parliament today that members of the former Indian National Army would now be able to take work in all the Services except in the Indian Army, New Delhi Radio reported.

Pandit Nehru said the Government decision was prompted by the fact that men had been out of touch with the Army for many years and any attempt to reintroduce them would lead to complications. "Both practical and psychological."

They would be able to join the territorial services, the police force, to enter civil service, and to work in the railways. They were found suitable.—Reuter.

Representatives of Britain, Syria, the United States, Canada, the Soviet Union, Belgium, Ukraine and China spoke in support of Burma's admission.

Dr. Rodolfo Munoz, Argentina, reserved the position of his delegation, which had not yet received instructions.

The Argentine delegation had, he said, some objection to the present procedure for the admission of new members and reserved the right to study the question further without taking a stand now on Burma's application.

"Mistakes"

The French delegate said his delegation also had not yet received instructions, but he supported Burma's application provisionally.

The chairman, Dr. Shu Hsiang-shan, speaking as representative for China, said Burma had made some "mistakes" at the initial stage of the war but soon had joined the struggle for freedom and had helped the Allies by harassing the Japanese from the rear.

Burma's application was the first to be considered under the amended rules providing that any application shall contain a declaration "made in a formal instrument" that the applicant accepts the obligations contained in the Charter.

Mr. Valentine G. Lawford, for Britain, warmly supported Burma's application.—Reuter.

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SURPRISE FOR MOTORISTS.—This made them stop and look in London in the Victoria Embankment the other day. Actually Joyce Barlow was on ordinary patrol when the traffic lights went wrong and she stepped in to the breach. (A. P. Photo)



STRIKERS DEMONSTRATE.—Ministry of Works engineer attendants and liftmen march through Shaftesbury Avenue on March 17 to Hyde Park to draw attention to their claims. (A. P. Photo)



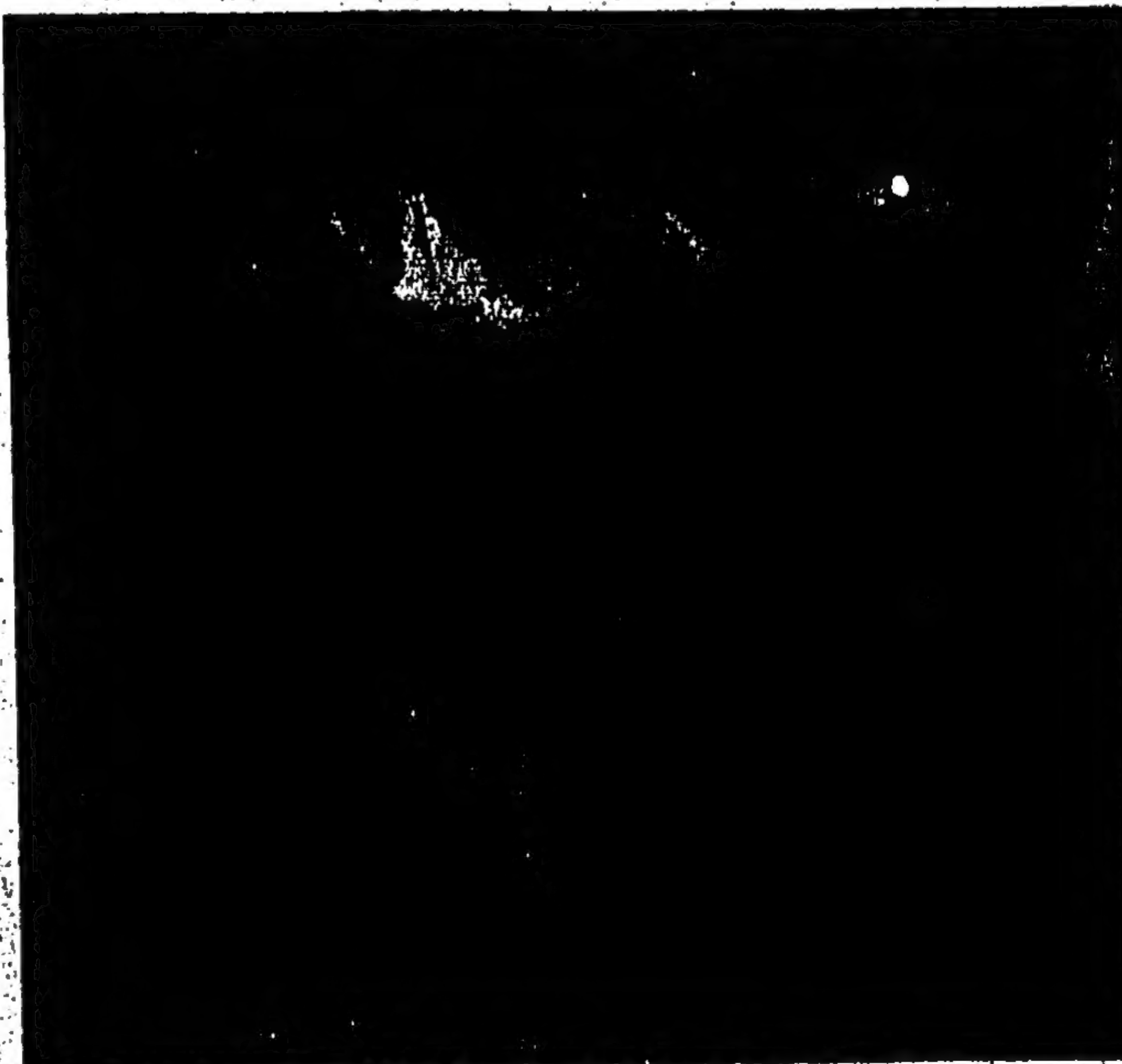
SUBMERSSION RECORD.—This Italian inventor, Pietro Vassena, about to enter a midge submarine in which he claims to have reached a depth of 760 feet. He is trying to make 1,500 feet. (A. P. Photo)

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GRETA GYNT is to display British fashions in the United States in the next few weeks, and above and below are typical examples. Above she models a grey crepe moracin, trimmed and sables, and below, a black straw hat with shaded roses. (A. P. Photos)



AUSTERITY NEW LOOK.—To achieve the New Look, the hem on one of her coats. Photo on left shows and on right, with the fourth band added.



OPENING UP.—A party given taken on the occasion of the opening of the Metropolitan Construction





JUNIOR SHIELD—Winners of the Junior Shield, South China, receiving, through their captain, the trophy from the hands of Mrs. J. Skinner, wife of the chairman of the H.M.F.A. (China Mail Photo)



WINNING SIDE—The South China Junior team, which defeated the Navy 1-0, rubber for tennis, in the Junior Shield Final. (China Mail Photo)



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COTTON—Picture taken at a dinner party given by Davis, Hong Kong, in honour of Messrs. A. F. Brown and T. F. Alfred, representing 'Cotton' in the Far East. Davis Brown are the local agents. (Mae Cheong)

SCOUTS—The 1st Hong Kong Sea Scouts Group photographed at the Seamen's Institute. (China Mail Photo)

MARRIED—Mr. Wong Cheuk-rit and Miss Lee She-ye of the Church of Jesus Christ recently. This photograph was taken after the ceremony. (Hainland Studio)



FILMS TO SEE IN APRIL



"DEAR MURDERER."—A grim scene from the drama-thriller showing in Hong Kong this week.



BASHFUL ROMEO.—Danny Kaye and Virginia Mayo (on right) in a scene from "The Secret Life of Walter Mitty."



"SINGAPORE."—Fred MacMurray and Ava Gardner (left) set to grips in "Singapore" playing this week in Hong Kong.

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REPORT OF AIR BOMBING OF JAFFA WITHDRAWN**More Jews Killed In Arab Ambushes**

Jerusalem, Mar. 29.

The Palestine Government tonight denied its own earlier statement that a Jewish aircraft had bombed the Arab seaport of Jaffa from the air today. First reports said that three bombs landed near two schools in Jaffa, well outside the mortar range of Jewish gun positions on the borders of Tel Aviv, and that the engine of a plane was heard shortly before they fell. Tonight's Government correction said investigation had proved that the "bombs" were three-inch mortar shells. No official explanation was given for the mistake.

According to reports reaching Jerusalem earlier tonight, a Jewish aircraft was reported to have bombed Jaffa—twin city to the all-Jewish town of Tel Aviv.

The official Government announcement had said that three bombs, "thought to have been dropped by planes", landed near Freres School and the Greek Orthodox School in Jaffa early today. They caused slight damage to the buildings but no casualties were suffered.

The police stated that the engine of a plane was heard over Jaffa shortly before the "bombs" fell in a direct line in an area well outside the mortar range of Jewish positions on the borders of Tel Aviv.

A Jewish Agency spokesman in Jerusalem said he did not know anything about the air bombing, however.

British Warning

During the Arab attack on the Jewish convoy south of Bethlehem during the week-end, four Jewish aircraft had dropped a score of anti-personnel bombs on the attacking Arabs, causing three casualties.

A blunt Palestine Government warning that the British security forces in Palestine will no longer rescue Jewish convoys if they continue to disregard British instructions and are attacked by Arabs was issued here today.

The announcement added that the rescue of the majority of the Jews, ambushed over the week-end, was the direct result of the combined efforts of the Administration, the police and the Army in protracted negotiations with the Arab commanders.

A British announcement said the convoy left Jerusalem without notifying the authorities of its arrangements. When the officer commanding the Second Infantry Brigade warned the convoy on its return journey that the road had been heavily blocked by Arabs and that it should return to the settlement of Kfar Etzion, his warning was ignored.

Britons Freed

The announcement added that the rescue of the majority of the Jews was a direct result of combined efforts by the Administration, the police and the

Army in protracted negotiations with the Arab commanders.

Two British officers were freed today after being held captive for nearly 24 hours by armed Jews who had stolen their Army scout car near Benjamim, in Northern Palestine.

A British police sergeant and three British soldiers were seriously wounded and two other British soldiers slightly wounded by Arab snipers in Haifa last night, it was officially reported.

"Unless appropriate steps" are taken, the Christian holy places in Jerusalem may not be in existence next year, a Jewish Agency spokesman said here today.

Truce Plan?

Welcoming the appeal by Dr. Cyril Garbett, Archbishop of York, for peace in Jerusalem, the spokesman said the Jewish Agency would consider any positive reaction on the subject of a truce in Jerusalem from any representative Arab source so long as they could absolutely rely on that source.

The responsibility for any proposals regarding Jerusalem rested with the United Nations, the spokesman added.

Dr. Hussein Khalidi, Secretary of the Palestine Arab Higher Committee, said here today: "If any danger exists at all to the sacred places in Jerusalem, it comes from Zionist aggression."

Dr. Garbett, he said, could rest assured that the Arabs would shed their blood in the defence of Christian, Moslem and Jewish holy places. He added the Archbishop should direct a warning to supporters of Jewish terrorism who "initiated the bombing of buildings over the heads of innocent people."

Jews Killed

Six Jews and a Jewess were killed when their armoured car was blown up during an attack on an Arab village in the area of Lydda, the international airport.

A group of 737 Jewish illegal immigrants into Palestine left Haifa for Cyprus on board the ferry ship Empire Rival. They had been brought into harbour in the Yehiam a single-masted schooner with an auxiliary engine, intercepted by the Royal Navy yesterday 65 kilometres off Palestine.—Reuter.

U.S. Navy Orders Jet Planes

Burbank, Calif., Mar. 29.

The United States Navy has placed a \$6,000,000 order with the Lockheed Aircraft Company for 50 jet aircraft of the type P-80, the company announced here today.

This follows the Navy's disclosure that it plans to build up its own force of carrier-based jet aircraft—Reuter.

God Is His Counsel

Boston, Mass., Mar. 29.

Mr. Robert H. Best, 51-year-old American, acted as his own lawyer, maintaining "God is my counsel", when his trial on treason charges began in the Federal Court here today.

Best, a former journalist born in South Carolina, was accused of war-time broadcasts for the Nazis. He lived for 20 years in Vienna.

Eight voluntary witnesses from Germany and Austria flew to the United States earlier this month to testify at the trial.

The maximum penalty for trea-

Koreans Digging Trenches

Seoul, Mar. 29.

Koreans in the Soviet Zone were today seen "digging in" along the border between the Soviet and United States Zones of Korea.

Only 2,500 yards from Nan Sam Ni, an American outpost which is 45 miles from Seoul, 50 Koreans were seen working in shifts to complete trenches overlooking the border.

This is only one link in the network of trenches, gun-emplacements and foxholes reported being dug along the border with in sight of the American Zone.

All work along the zonal frontier began at the same time. It is not thought, however, that the North Koreans are seriously preparing a line of defence as all the work is carried on quite openly.

The Korean labourers work at the trenches dressed in white and are visible from across the border.—Reuter.

son is death and the minimum five years imprisonment and a fine of \$10,000.—Reuter.

WAR CLOUDS GATHERED MORE DENSELY

London, Mar. 30.

The Yorkshire Post in its editorial today says that "as the sands run out and the termination of the British mandate in Palestine draws nearer, the clouds of war are visibly gathered more densely on the horizon."

"It cannot be said," the paper declared, "that American statesmanship has done anything during the last few days to throw a gleam of hope across the picture. President Truman's Good Friday statement in particular must be written down as calculated merely to make confusion worse confounded."

Commenting on the Jewish threat to set up a national state on the day following the termination of the mandate, the Yorkshire Post said: "There can be no hope of a settlement on these lines. Such statements serve only to declare the two contestants' resolve to fight to the bitter end—and an end which will assuredly be bitter for both."

Two Conditions

"Two conditions must be fulfilled if there is to be any

hope, however slight, of better things.

"One is to establish a truce unhampered by conditions of a kind calculated to wreck it before it begins. The other is that the United States proves itself ready not merely to send a token force to keep the peace, but an action would demonstrate preparedness to do something more than tender advice which in the past has been bestowed on the mandatory power so abundantly and, upon occasion, with such an absence of tact.

"We have urged before that the peace can be kept only by force which is manifestly impossible to resist. Such a force the United States alone can supply. The best lead it can give to every member of the United Nations is to show that it is willing to play a part consistent with its position as the strongest of the great powers."—Associated Press.

U.S. Delegation To Urge Truce

Lake Success, Mar. 29.

The American delegation to the United Nations has been instructed to press in the immediate future for a truce in Palestine and a special session of the General Assembly, a delegation spokesman said here today.

No decision had been taken on the submission to the Security Council of the American proposal for trusteeship, he added.

This was taken as indicating that the United States might not bring the trusteeship plan before the Security Council, but might wait until the Assembly was called.

The United States was stated here to be ready to submit to the Security Council tomorrow two resolutions—one containing President Truman's call for a truce and the other calling for a special Assembly session.

The report that Britain might decide to stay on in Palestine was reiterated today by the pro-

Zionist newspaper, the New York Post.

In a despatch from Lake Success, it said that if the Jewish Agency failed to yield to "pressure" to accept something less than partition, "some new drastic American or British move may be expected."

"The war of nerves already is pointing in that direction. Reports continue that American troops may be committed to help enforce a temporary trusteeship of the Holy Land. The British, moreover, are letting it be known that they might consider staying on if the Jews and Arabs reach a truce."—Reuter.

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Atlantic Coast via Los Angeles	Late March	m.v. "BALI"
	Early April	s.s. "DONA AURORA"

ARRIVALS

From	Date	Vessel
Atlantic Coast via Los Angeles	8th April	m.v. "MINDORO"
Pacific Coast	9th April	m.v. "ANDAMAN"

SAILINGS

To	Date	Vessel
Cebu & Manila	2nd April	m.v. "TAMARA"
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FOREIGN-AID BILL HURDLES ITS FIRST OBSTACLE

Hong Kong Stock Exchange

The market opened quietly and remained so throughout the day. Quotations showed a little variation with the exception of Hong Kong Land old shares which have slipped from 80¢ to 75¢ on March 28 to 25¢ business reported Tuesday, sum dividend of 35¢.

H.K. GOVT. LOANS
4% Loan 100 1/2
5% Loan (1934) 99 1/2 (104) 100 1/2
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BANKS
H.K. & S. Bank 20 1/2, 20 1/2, 20 1/2 (Lon. Reg.) 21 1/2
Chartered Bank 21 1/2
Merrill Lynch & Co. 22 1/2
Bank of East Asia 19 1/2
INSURANCES
Canton Ins. 40 1/2
Union Ins. 40 1/2, 40 1/2
China Indemnity 40 1/2
H.K. Fire Ins. (S.D.) 51 1/2
SHIPPING
Douglas 20 1/2
H.K. & S. M. 20 1/2, 20 1/2
Indo China (S.D.) 100 1/2 (Def.) 80 1/2
Sheila (Beard) 70 1/2
U. Waterfront 40 1/2
DOCK, WHARVES, GODOWNS, ETC.
H.K. & S. Wharves (C.O.) 160 1/2
(N) (P) 170 1/2 (N) (P) 170 1/2
H.K. Docks 22 1/2, 22 1/2, 22 1/2
China Provident (S.D.) 23 1/2
Shanghai Dockyard 50 1/2
MINING
Bath Mines 6 1/2
H.K. Mines 6 1/2
LANDS, HOTELS & BLDGS.
H. & S. Hotel 10 1/2, 10 1/2, 10 1/2
H.K. Land (Old) 8 1/2, 8 1/2, 8 1/2
(New) 8 1/2
Shanghai Land 6 1/2
H.K. Hotel 23 1/2
H.K. Real Estate 19 1/2
PUBLIC UTILITIES
H.K. Tramways 22 1/2, 22 1/2
H.K. Trams (Old) 23 1/2 (New) 20 1/2
Star Ferry 19 1/2
Yau Ma Tei Ferry 50 1/2
China Lights (Old) 22 1/2, 22 1/2
24 1/2 (New) 10 1/2
H.K. Electric 11 1/2, 11 1/2, 11 1/2
Macao Electric 21 1/2
Sundank Light 10 1/2
Telephones (Old) 48 1/2, 48 1/2 (New) 40 1/2
40 1/2
INDUSTRIALS
Cald. Macc. (Old) 21 1/2
Canton Ice 19 1/2
Cement 43 1/2, 44 1/2, 44 1/2
H.K. Hops (S.D.) 19 1/2
H.K. Hops (N.D.) 19 1/2
STORES & COTTONS
China Enterprises (S.D.) 25 1/2
H.K. Construction (S.D.) 25 1/2 (N) 25 1/2
Vibro Pumps 19 1/2
China Investments 19 1/2
Narmann (H.K.) 14 1/2
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Board of Education

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The following matters came under discussion: Education Department Estimates, 1948/49. Building Programme. Report of a sub-committee on the modification of examination syllabuses to meet the special needs of girls. Report of a sub-committee regarding the provision, where such did not exist, of textbooks suitable for Hong Kong. Numbers in attendance in Hong Kong schools and provision for primary education.

GREEK TOBACCO
Athens, Mar. 29.
Military Government representatives from the combined British and American Zones of Germany arrived here today to buy £225,000 worth of Greek tobacco.

This will be the first purchase of Greek tobacco for the combined zones and will provide Greek tobacco exporters with their first contact with their German customers since the war—Reuter.

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Hong Kong, 28th March, 1948.

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S.S. "WINGSANG" to Keelung & Shanghai 3rd Apr.
S.S. "CHOYSANG" to Keelung, Shanghai & Tientsin 10th Apr.

S.S. "ESANG" to Straits & Calcutta 13th Apr.
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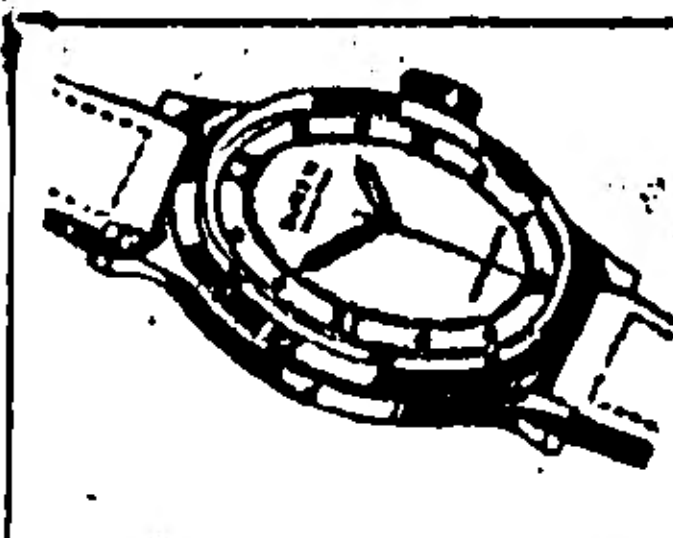
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U.S. TROOPS IN KOREA

Washington, Mar. 29. — Informed sources today said that the United States had increased its military occupation force in Southern Korea by about 50 per cent during the past fortnight. The sources said American troops strength there had now been brought up to 20,000 men, compared with 13,000 a short time ago.—United Press.

Communism In South Africa

Capetown, Mar. 29. — The South African Nationalist (Opposition) Party leader, Dr. Malan, said here today that Communism among coloured people in the Union must be "eradicated".
"The best way that this could be done would be by creating better living conditions and strict laws," he said, in the second part of a statement, the first of which was issued yesterday, calling for racial separation in South Africa.
The Nationalist Party's policy guaranteed good relationships between Europeans and coloured people, while the economic, social and political friction between the races must be eliminated.—Reuter.

But Who Is 'Palestine'?

Washington, Mar. 29. — Representative Multer, Democrat for New York, urged that Palestine proclaim its sovereignty at once.
"There is nothing in the United Nations charter prohibiting such an action," Multer told the House.
He said: "This is no time for hysteria" with respect to the U.S. administration's about-face on Palestine partition.
It is his "firm belief," he said, that President Truman and the State Department should have made known all the facts before announcing the interim trusteeship plan for Palestine.
"We have a right to demand them now," Multer said. "I hope a full and frank statement will be forthcoming without delay."
He said that with respect to Palestine the threat to world peace is due to lack of arms by the Jews sufficiently to defend themselves.
"The remedy for that," he said, "is to lift now the embargo on arms shipments to Palestine."
—Associated Press.

Shanghai Looks To Its Defences

Shanghai, Mar. 30. — To strengthen the local security forces, the Shanghai police authorities have decided to expand the existing "flying fortress" units (armoured car squads), according to Chinese press reports.

In addition to recruiting and training of new personnel for these "flying fortresses," the police headquarters intend to equip all of these special policemen with better and more modern arms. The plan for expanding and re-equipping the "flying fortress" units is reported to have been approved by the Commissioner of Police Bureau, Schoeman Yu.

It is learned today that officials of the Social Affairs Bureau are working overtime to complete the details for the enforcement of the new regulations prohibiting the hoarding of daily necessities such as rice, flour, etc.
These officials revealed that the new regulations embody revision of part of the emergency economic measures relating to the punishment of hoarders.
Reports from Nanjing said a sweeping programme for the stabilisation of the economic situation, covering industrial, agricultural and financial aspects of the national life, has been

Chiang Hailed As "A Partner"

Washington, Mar. 29. — The Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee (Senator Arthur Vandenberg, Republican from Michigan) will file in the Senate tomorrow a revised Committee report on China, hailing the Chiang Kai-shek government as a partner with the United States in a "common front against Communist aggression".
The document will replace the report highly critical of the Chiang regime, which was withdrawn by Senator Vandenberg with "regrets" on Saturday.

Senator Vandenberg plans to make the revised report public shortly before he asks quick approval of the US\$463,000,000 for civil and military aid to Chiang's Nationalist Government.
The new report is closely identified with the United States' "quarantine Communism" programme.
Sections of the previous report, roundly criticizing Chiang's military and civilian leaders for ineptitude and corruption, were deleted.

Tangible Proof
The new report says, "In the judgment of the Committee, the Nationalist Government of China, led for 20 years through tremendous difficulties by the selfless patriotism of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, represents our common front against threats to international peace and security and deserves support within our resources as proposed in this act."
The report terms the aid programme "tangible proof of American interest in the independence and integrity of China and in the welfare of the Chinese people."

It defends the aid bill as a United States "vote of confidence in China, her people and their long, heroic resistance to aggressors at home and abroad."
Senator Vandenberg ordered the withdrawal of the original report, stating it did not "reflect the viewpoint of the Committee or its chairman." He said that, although the document was prepared by the Committee staff, members had had an opportunity to review the report fully before publication.

Vote of Confidence
In the new report the Committee says the Chinese bill was "clearly justified by current facts and self-help prospects already courageously made by the National Government (which) warrant our cooperation."
It deletes the passage suggesting that the Committee staff had been misled by the Government by increasing new "social and political elements and ideals."
In the section commenting on the new programme, Senator Vandenberg orders deletion of an assertion closely paralleling language used by the Secretary of State, Mr. Marshall. This de-

claration was that the United States "should not be put in the position of being held responsible for the conduct of the Chinese Government and its political, economic and military affairs." Instead, Committee members reported that Congress must "deal with developments as they unfold," and it was plain, United States commitments were confined to the "terms of this legislation."

Warning Eliminated
Striking out language asserting that there could not be "much hopeful enthusiasm" for success of the aid plan, the Committee substituted words that United States aid should be sufficient to "encourage constructive democratic elements in China to carry on." It also eliminated what was an implied warning to the Chiang Government to be committed to serving its own people and "less vulnerable to designing alien influences" and language stating that "Export-import bank credits to China had been withheld because the Bank had been 'unable to find reasonable assurances of repayment.'"
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Bohle Confesses To Crimes

Frankfurt, Mar. 29. — The first defendant in the history of the Nuremberg war crimes trials to plead guilty told the court yesterday that he committed war crimes against humanity.

The surprise plea came from Ernest Wilhelm Bohle, 44, former SS lieutenant-general and supervisor of Nazi fifth columns.
Bohle said that other courts had found his subordinates guilty and he could not "shift to others the burden of responsibility and its consequences."
The confession came just after the American prosecution rested its case against Bohle, who was charged with aiding Hitler in the criminal programme of aggression, war, torture and murder.
No other defendant has pleaded guilty in war crimes trials although 180 Nazi generals, admirals, industrialists and diplomats have passed before the court.

Bohle said he was "not guilty" like the others when he was first arraigned last December. Yesterday he admitted he took part in the racial and religious persecution of Germans and other nationalities.
The American authorities, after consultation, agreed to drop all charges against Bohle except the one of war crimes against humanity.
Bohle once boasted fifth columnists working in the United States.—United Press.

Stop Order On Locomotives

Washington, Mar. 29. — Finland may not get 40 surplus American locomotives as it had hoped, although the country's bid was the highest.
War Assets Administrator Jesse Larson stamped a 30-day delaying order on the sale. No reason was given for the order.
The locomotives made up this country's entire stock of surplus locomotives.
It was indicated that the order resulted from recent Congressional concern over the disposal of war material to Russia. It was the first stop order any government agency has issued on the sale of surplus material to a foreign country.—United Press.

KITCHEE BEAT SING TAO

Kitchee beat Sing Tao in a rearranged First Division Football League match on the Club Ground yesterday.
Three penalties were awarded and two were converted, in a game that lacked the tension of a cup-tie.
Kit Chee managed to settle down to a long passing game and although they were not rewarded till 25 minutes of play they looked more dangerous than a Sing Tao team who had to juggle the ball for a perfect shot.

This hesitancy in front of goal led to the Kit Chee defence being able to clear their lines on many occasions. Kit Chee crossed over on level terms and took the lead shortly after. Although Sing Tao equalised early in the second half they could not hold the lively Kit Chee men and the third goal set the seal on their fate.

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In the new report the Committee says the Chinese bill was "clearly justified by current facts and self-help prospects already courageously made by the National Government (which) warrant our cooperation."
It deletes the passage suggesting that the Committee staff had been misled by the Government by increasing new "social and political elements and ideals."
In the section commenting on the new programme, Senator Vandenberg orders deletion of an assertion closely paralleling language used by the Secretary of State, Mr. Marshall. This de-

claration was that the United States "should not be put in the position of being held responsible for the conduct of the Chinese Government and its political, economic and military affairs." Instead, Committee members reported that Congress must "deal with developments as they unfold," and it was plain, United States commitments were confined to the "terms of this legislation."

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The new report says, "In the judgment of the Committee, the Nationalist Government of China, led for 20 years through tremendous difficulties by the selfless patriotism of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, represents our common front against threats to international peace and security and deserves support within our resources as proposed in this act."
The report terms the aid programme "tangible proof of American interest in the independence and integrity of China and in the welfare of the Chinese people."

It defends the aid bill as a United States "vote of confidence in China, her people and their long, heroic resistance to aggressors at home and abroad."
Senator Vandenberg ordered the withdrawal of the original report, stating it did not "reflect the viewpoint of the Committee or its chairman." He said that, although the document was prepared by the Committee staff, members had had an opportunity to review the report fully before publication.

TWO K.O.'s AT FLEET CLUB

Good sport was witnessed last night at the China Fleet Club when a boxing tournament under the auspices of the Golden Gloves Sporting Club was held.

In the main event of the evening, Bob Pulling beat "Red" Biggs.
There were two knock-outs in the programme of 10 bouts when Charlie Thompson K.O'd Gnr. Boies, and Tang Cheehoon knocked out A. B. Daw, who substituted for T. Abraham in the last fight.
At the conclusion of the boxing prizes were presented by Mrs. T. H. Bowman.
The following were the results:
Light weight—L. Correa beat Edward Mason.
Flyweight—Mar. Chun-ying beat Gussy Santos.
Welter weight—Ldg. Seaman Ward beat Pte. Matthews.
Ld. Weight—Gnr. Williams beat Ldg. Patrolman Comber.
Mosquito weight—Liu Yap-yen beat Henry Matthews.
Mosquito weight—Kid Bucks beat Edward Morales.
Middle weight—Charlie Thompson K.O. Gnr. Boies.
Welter weight—Tony Silva beat Sgt. Mahon.
Feather weight—Tang Cheehoon K.O. A. D. Daw.

RUGGER WOODEN SPOON FOR ENGLAND XV

Paris, Mar. 29. — England finished at the bottom of the International Rugby Union championship as the result of their defeat by France by 15 points (one goal, one dropped goal and two tries) to zero in the last International of the season played before 65,000 spectators at the Colombes Stadium here today.

England scored only one point from their four matches. France's win takes them into second place in the table with the same number of points as Scotland.
France owed their victory today mainly to the overwhelming superiority of their heavy pack. Several of the French forwards scaled 16 stone and this weight proved too much for England. The speedy French three-quarters made the most of the good service they received and, in the closing stages, France completely dominated the play.

After the match, Colonel Hartley, President of the Rugby Union, said: "It was really an excellent game and the better side won."
Martin Turner, on the English right wing, occasionally attempted to open up the game and was given fine support by the two new centres, Lewis Cannel and Alan Towell, but they could make little impression on the resolute French defence.

Forwards Score
The game was played on a firm pitch, but rain and sunshine tampered by a slight breeze.

France took the lead after 20 minutes following a fine three-quarter movement which ended in Michel Pomathios going over near the corner flag for a try, which was not converted.
They went further ahead five minutes after the interval when Robert Soro, a 16-stone forward,

Reign Of Terror In Greece

Lake Success, Mar. 29. — M. Constantin Tsaldaris, the Greek Foreign Minister, cabled the United Nations today accusing the Communists of kidnapping "tens of thousands of Greek children" in a "reign of terror."
Tsaldaris's cable to Mr. Trygve Lie, the United Nations Secretary General, said: "The campaign of Communist dictatorship has increased in intensity and in horror until there has now been a loss of a million of lives, a calculatingly cruel as to challenge description."
"In an attempt to terrorize the Greek and terrify other free peoples into submission, totalitarian Communism has contrived and is now carrying out a wholesale conspiracy to kidnap thousands of children of Greece."

TEST MATCH COLLAPSE England Debacle At Kingston

Kingston, Jamaica, Mar. 29. — England were all out for 227 in their first innings in the cricket Test match here today. In 90 minutes before lunch today, England scored only 38 runs and lost four more wickets in the fourth and final match with the West Indies, and so the scoreboard showed 221 for nine wickets at the lunch interval.

This was due to grand bowling and fielding by the West Indies rather than to stonewalling by England, who found the pace bowling of Kentish and Johnson too much for them.
England's disaster today began when Kentish joined the attack. Ikin was brilliantly run out when the West Indies captain, John Goddard, threw down the wicket from square leg. Then Kentish had Allen and Evans caught, and Johnson, in the last over before lunch, got Laker caught.

The Irish National
Fairhouse, Mar. 29. — Mr. B. Hamilton's Hamstar, by Noble Star out of Home Again, won the Irish Grand National, valued at £1,500, and run over three and a half miles, here today, beating the Cheltenham Gold Cup winner, Cottage Rake, owned by Mr. F. L. Vickerman, by 15 lengths with Mr. F. S. Myerscough's Fear Crand, a further length away third in a strong field of 17 runners.

Ridden by Eddie Kennedy and starting at six to one, Hamstar won easily, the six-to-four favourite, Cottage Rake, finding his wicket burden of 175 pounds too much for him in the closing stages.
Caughoo, winner of the Aintree Grand National in 1946, was, in the rear.—Reuter.

MILLS TO MEET LESNEVICH
London, Mar. 29. — Ted Broadbribb, manager of Freddie Mills, the British European and Empire light heavyweight champion, revealed tonight that Mills and Gus Lesnevich will meet in their return bout for the world title at the White City Stadium, London, on Monday, July 20 under the promotion of Jack Solomons.—Reuter.

Bowls Association Annual Meeting
A large and enthusiastic gathering of Lawn Bowlers attended the Annual General Meeting of the Lawn Bowls Association yesterday, when it was unanimously decided that League Competitions be revived, the first game to be played on May 22.

It was also unanimously decided, on the proposal of Mr. J. McKelvie, that the Interprovincial matches with Shanghai be continued.
As a mark of respect for the late Mr. J. McGowan, those present stood in silence for one minute.
The meeting was presided over by Mr. R. P. Phillips, President of the Association, supported by Mr. McKelvie, Vice-President.
After the Minutes of the Revival Meeting had been read by Mr. W. Hong Sing, Hon. Secretary, and confirmed, the Statement of Accounts and Balance Sheet was presented by Mr. L. A. Gutierrez, Treasurer.
Mr. Gutierrez revealed that the recent Interprovincial resulted in a loss of \$307. The match was held on a Race Day and a Social Function also served to take away a considerable number of spectators. There was an actual cash balance of \$2,516, standing to the credit of the Association.

Red Victory Forecast
Milan, Mar. 30. — The Communist leader of Italy's Federation of Labour said in a signed newspaper article here on Monday that a pro-Communist victory in the forthcoming national elections would lead to "more or less" American aid to Italy.
The Labour leader, Giuseppe Di Vittorio, writing in the pro-Communist newspaper "Milano Bern," said he was sure of a victory on April 1 for the Communist-backed Popular Front.
Such a victory, he claimed, would open new markets to Italian industry, make Italy a better economic state and would bring American aid from "unlimited and protection" into a "search for Italy's friendship."

Two Stars Injured

One of the biggest blows to the Easter soccer was suffered by the Cup Infield, Blackpool, who had Stanley Matthews (broken toe) and Stanley Mortenson (broken knee) in Jurek. Without these two stars, Blackpool were beaten by the odd goal at Derby.
Less settled weather today brought a drop in attendances, yet nearly 3,000,000 soccer fans saw the holiday programme.—Reuter.

Meanwhile, Howarth, who had received week-end treatment for boils in his ear, offered a determined resistance to prevent the test matches from completing the dismantling of England before lunch.

Fine Display
The finish of the England innings was not long delayed after the lunch interval, Johnson bowling Tremlett to put England all out for 227.
This was a poor total after the first wicket stand of 120 but West Indies deserve every credit for the field they backed up splendidly the brilliant captaincy of John Goddard, and Johnson, particularly, gave a grand display of fast bowling.
So accurate was he in developing a fine pace that he never had need to resort to intimidation of the batsmen.

The announcement that the three West Indies wickets would have been down for 41 for, after the first wicket stand had been broken at 30, two easy chances were missed, first by Evans and then by Allen, yet it was quite a useful start which England made in getting rid of two leading batsmen before tea.
At the tea interval, West Indies had scored 70 for the loss of two wickets, after which they continued to add another 98 runs for the loss of another wicket until stumps were drawn.
At the close of play, West Indies' total was 168 for three.—Reuter.

FAR EAST CASUALTIES
Washington, Mar. 29. — The U.S. Army today announced that the bodies of two servicemen killed in the European war, whose next of kin live in the Far East, were returned to New York aboard the Army transport "Robert F. Burns" and "John L. McCarty."

The announcement said that aboard the first ship was Private First Class Paul Chow, whose nearest relative was Yang Li, Chow of Kiang Ning Road, Shanghai. Pte. Chow had been buried at Epinal, France.
Aboard the second ship was Private Richard M. Baughman, whose nearest relative was listed as George E. Baughman of the United States Life Company at Hong Kong. Private Baughman had been buried at St. Laurent sur Mer.—United Press.

FOOTBALLERS IN ACCIDENT
London, Mar. 29. — A Llanelli bus taking members of the Rhondda Football Club to Llanelli overturned today at the summit of Cwll Mountain, between Rhondda and Aberdare Valleys, one of the highest in North Glamorgan.

Ten of the 32 passengers were taken to Aberdare Hospital. One man sustained a fractured skull, but all the other injuries were of a minor nature.—Reuter.

**ONLY FOUR CLUBS
GET FULL POINTS**

London, Mar. 29. — The Easter holiday soccer fixtures which were completed today did little to clarify the promotion and relegation problems of the English Leagues, owing to the remarkable evenness of the results.

Only four of the 88 clubs gained the full six Easter points. Sheffield Wednesday, now League II promotion contenders; Queens Park Rangers, still on top of the Third Division, South; Rotherham, who drew level with Lincoln at the head of the Third Division, Northern; and Stockport County.
Preston North End, Torquay United, Southend, Rochdale and Tranmere failed to salvage a point from their holiday games. Sunderland, beaten at Wolverhampton today by a last-minute goal by Smyth, look the most likely teams to accompany down Grimsby Town into the Second Division.

CZECHS WIN
Nice, Mar. 29. — The Czech stars, Jaroslav Drobny and Vladimir Cerny, learned together today to capture the men's doubles crown of the Nice International tennis tournament by defeating the American pair, Budge Pate and Sidney Wood. The Czechs won in four sets, 6-3, 6-7, 5-6, 9-7.—United Press.

RUSSIA FAILS TO ACT

Griffin, Mar. 29. — The meeting of the four-power Allied Control Council, originally fixed for tomorrow, had not been called by Russia when "zero hour" for announcing the session expired this afternoon, it was learned tonight.
If the Russians had wanted the meeting, it should have been called by Marshal Sokolovsky, as chairman of the four-power body for the month of March.—Reuter.

MACAO WIN SOCCER

The seventh Interport football game between Hong Kong and Macao was played at Macao on Monday and resulted in Macao winning by four goals to two after being two goals in arrears at the interval.
The previous day Hong Kong Police beat Macao Police by the only goal scored by C. Pope in the first half.
At the official dinner it was announced that the British Consul in Macao and the Portuguese Consul in Hong Kong had jointly consented to present a Cup to be known as the "Macao-Hong Kong Interport Cup" for competition between the two ports annually.
The Commissioner of Police of Macao had expressed the hope that a triangular contest between the Macao, Hong Kong and Canton Police forces, be started as soon as possible, as in pre-war days.
Hong Kong beat Saigon by the odd goal in three on Sunday according to advice received in the Colony yesterday. Pung King cheng scored in the first half and Xavier netted the winning goal in the second period. The game was very scrappy and injuries were sustained by both sides.

Ladies Golf Meeting
The Ladies Section of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club held their first post-war Spring Meeting at Fanling last week.

It was well attended, and most events had about 50 entries.
At the conclusion of the meeting the Captain (Mrs. G. Smalley) presented awards to the following prize winners:
Medal Competition—Handicap: Mrs. Mackie; Scratch Score: Mrs. Hui.
Foursomes—Mrs. Collis and Mrs. Margaret.
Electric (Dec-Feb)—Mrs. Smalley.
Approaching & Putting—Mrs. Gilmore.

AIR MINISTER'S TOUR
London, Mar. 29. — Mr. Arthur Henderson, Secretary of State for Air, will leave here by air on Wednesday for a tour of units of the Royal Air Force in Germany. He will visit Bückeburg, Gutersloh, Hamburg, Wundorf and Berlin.—Reuter.